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Muslim League Gets Nervous

Partition Plan For Separate National State In India

HOW DELHI VIEWS FORTHCOMING TALKS AT VICEREGAL LODGE

Mahatma Gandhi is leaving Wardha for Delhi today and is expected to meet the Viceroy on Monday. It is reported that the Viceroy will also meet Mr. Jinnah on Tuesday.

PARTITION OF INDIA

In the meantime the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League [illegible] the Foreign Committee of the League has submitted a five-point scheme based on the partition of India and the demand for a "National Home for Indian Muslims".

JINNAH SPEAKS

Mr. Jinnah has further sought to clarify the League's position in an interview in which he says that "the fundamental point on which the League insisted was that the Government of India Act 1935 should go lock, stock and barrel and the whole constitutional problem should be considered 'de novo' at the latest immediately after the war". Provided that the British Government made a declaration agreeing to such re-examination and a "suitable machinery" which would command the League's confidence was set up, the League would submit a detailed scheme of constitutional adjustments.

LEAGUE NERVOUS?

Our Delhi Correspondent finds that the possibility of a Gandhi-Viceroy understanding and the move in Bengal for the solution of the communal problem on a provincial basis and the possibility of a similar move in the Punjab have created "visible nervousness" in League Circles and that Mr. Jinnah is anxious to hold Mr. Fazlul Huq and Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan within the orbit of the League.

GANDHI-VICEROY TALKS

Real interest in Delhi, however, seems to centre round the meeting between Gandhiji and Lord Linlithgow and speculation is rife on its outcome. Our correspondent's report suggests that the earlier optimism of a satisfactory settlement between the British Government and the Indian people as represented by the Congress has deteriorated and a certain sense of uncertainty seems to be the key note of informed political commentators.

THE PROSPECT

It is not expected that the question of resolving the constitutional deadlock in the provinces will form the subject of Gandhi-Viceroy talks. These talks, it is presumed, will be confined to a clarification of the Viceroy's speech at the Orient Club in Bombay and to the elimination of the "Many Snags" in it to which Gandhiji referred in the "Harijan".

The coming week, however, promises to be a week of great political excitement in the country and may indicate the future course of events.

Mahatma Leaves For Delhi

WARDHA, Feb. 2.

Mahatma Gandhi is leaving for Delhi on Saturday morning for the Viceregal interview. It is expected he will stay in Delhi for a week.—A. P.

JINNAH TO MEET VICEROY ON FEB. 6

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah is to meet the Viceroy on Tuesday, February 6 at 11 a.m.—A.P.

PARTITION PLAN FOR INDIA

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI Feb. 2.

Constitutional Pundits of the Muslim League have been busy for some time evolving "pakistan" schemes, or whatever name they may give to their pet proposals. The central idea appears to be to create a separate Muslim State with independent policy in internal and international affairs. This is born out a feeling that when the British part with power the Hindus will supplant the British and Muslims would remain a minority and would be treated as such. So some Muslim leaders, including Mr. Jinnah, claim that they are a separate nation and want a National Home for Indian Mussalmans.

So far eight schemes have been prepared, but under the aegis of the League all the eight authors are busy framing a new scheme which should find acceptance by every section of the League "Either safeguards to enable Muslims to have an effective voice in everything affecting the country or partition",—this is what a Muslim leader told me was their demand.

Meanwhile the move for a provincial settlement is being

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BOMBAY'S EXAMPLE FOR SIND

KARACHI, Feb. 2.

The Home Minister announced in the Assembly to-day that Government had refunded all property confiscated during the Civil Disobedience Movement. In case of sale, the sale proceeds were refunded.—United Press.

BALKAN 'ENTENTE' STABILISED

BELGRADE, Feb. 2.

The Balkan Conference opened to-day with a preliminary half-hour talk between the Foreign Ministers of Greece, Rumania, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

The first act of the conference was to decide that the Balkan Entente should be continued. Unless any member state notifies its withdrawal one year previous to its expiration, the pact immediately continues in being for another seven years.

No such withdrawal was announced by February 1 and the conference consequently gave its approval to the pact remaining in being.

Bulgaria Holds Key

LONDON, Feb. 2.

M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister presided.

The general conviction that Bulgaria is the key state in the situation was expressed by the chief delegates on arrival here. It is felt that the evident desire of Bulgaria to co-operate intensively in the maintenance of peace eases the Balkan problem and is the most encouraging factor for the success of the conference which has yet emerged.

M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister stated to-day that his interview with M. Kiosseivanov, the Bulgarian Prime Minister in Sofia yesterday had reinforced his belief that Bulgaria, although she was outside the Entente intended to contribute as much towards the peace of the Balkans as member-states

General Metaxas, the Greek Prime Minister, concurred with M. Sarajoglu's view that Bulgaria was now carrying out a policy of peace and co-operation and added, "the Entente has just emerged from the severest test of its existence, not weakened but victorious".—Reuter.

Balkans And Italian Diplomacy

GENEVA, Feb. 2.

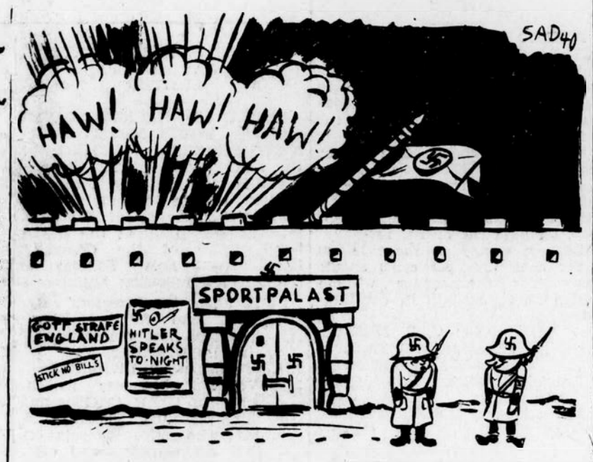
Thanks to the moderation of Hungary and Bulgaria in connection with territorial revisionist claims the Diplomatic position in the Balkans and Turkey has greatly improved since September, it is considered here.

It is now known that Hungary will not go to war for the recovery of Transylvania from Rumania which question also has been "adjourned". The principal effect of Italian diplomacy has been to persuade Hungary and Bulgaria to await a new European settlement. Italy is reported to have promised to support the claims of both.

BULGARIA TO BE NEUTRAL.

ROME, Feb. 2.

An account of the first meeting of the Belgrade conference given in 'Giornale D'Italia' states that Bulgaria will continue her neutrality, but will not forgo her national claims although she is ready to collaborate with all neighbours. She therefore will not join the Balkan Entente until all the component states decide to solve all outstanding disputes among them.—Reuter.



"What's this? Another bomb explosion?"
"No. That's only the Fuhrer speaking.

FINNS SMASH NIMBUS OF BOLSHEVISM!

Ex-Kaiser Says That Wish For Peace Is Gaining Ground And Asks Belligerents To Stop Fighting And Join Forces To Rid World And Civilization Of "Red" Advance

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.

"Belligerents should stop fighting and join forces to help the Finns and rid the world and civilisation of Bolshevism".

LETTER TO FRIEND

The ex-Kaiser is reported to have written this in an uncensored letter mailed on January 16, to his biographer and close friend, Mr. Poutney Bigelow.

WISH FOR PEACE

The ex-Kaiser is stated to have declared: "The Finns' magnificent stand smashed the nimbus of Bolshevism and set people thinking with the result that the wish for peace is gaining ground."

DISINTEGRATION OF SOVIET 'MORALE'

According to the "Herald Tribune" evidence of disintegration of Soviet 'morale' is seen in diplomatic quarters in Washington from reports reaching them regarding the treatment of wounded Russian soldiers.

The report states that about 4,000 wounded were recently sent to an industrial town near Moscow for treatment but the food shortage was so great and general conditions so bad in hospital that the workers in the town staged a sympathy strike with demonstrations lasting three days. The police took no action to arrest the rioters.

The paper adds that diplomatic circles also hear that although half these Russians have not been in action, the supply service of the Russian Army has broken down so badly that many had frozen arms and legs which had to be amputated. The Government took special care in transporting them to hospital to avoid passing through Moscow, as the authorities did not wish to create the very bad impression that had already been made in Leningrad by the influx of wounded there.—Reuter.

AMERICAN FUNDS FOR FINLAND

Ex-President's Appeal

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.

Ex-President Mr. Hoover addressing the Overseas Press Club of America, urged the United States to keep out of the war because, "the chance for civilisation in Europe to come back again may depend upon America."

Appealing for funds to meet "the heart-breaking needs of Finland and Poland" Mr. Hoover said that the United States had

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Millowners Reject Conciliator's Award

TEXTILE CRISIS FACES AHMEDABAD

Labour's Charge-Sheet: Owners' Defence: Workers' Board Move For Ballot

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 2.

A meeting of the Joint Representative Board of the Labour Association met to-night and reviewed the situation created by the breakdown of conciliation.

While the consensus of opinion at the meeting favoured a strike, it was deemed advisable to meet again to-morrow and consult all the workers before taking the final decision.—A. P.

Textile Crisis In Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 2.

The Millowners' Association having practically rejected the special conciliator's recommendations regarding labour's demands for dearness allowance, Ahmedabad is faced with a serious textile crisis. The counter proposals made by the Millowners are unacceptable to labour which believes that a general strike is inevitable.

The offices of the Textile Labour Association are buzzing with activity.

"It is really unfortunate that the millowners have rejected the conciliator's proposals", said prominent Labour leader. The conciliator's proposals were accepted by us and the responsibility for the serious situation likely to arise out of their rejection will be entirely that of the employers".

The Labour Association offices are busy making preparations for a strike from to-day.

JOINT LABOUR BOARD REVIEWS SITUATION

Move For General Strike Ballot

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 2.

An emergent meeting of the Representative Board of the Textile Labour Association was held to-night to consider the situation arising out of the rejection by the Millowners' Association of the Special Conciliator's recommendations regarding the grant of dearness allowance.

The meeting deliberated for over two hours when labour leaders explained the situation and acquainted the Board with the consequences if they decided upon direct action. The efforts made by the Labour Association for a settlement in order to avoid a general strike were also explained.

After half an hour's mutual discussion, the representatives were of the opinion that it was a point of honour with them and that they should go on a general strike.

NO FORMAL RESOLUTION.

The meeting did not pass any formal resolution to that effect to-night, but requested the representatives to approach the workers to-morrow and know their mind. Thereafter, a meeting of the Joint Board will be held to-morrow or the day after, when a formal resolution favouring a general strike and calling for a regular ballot from workers will be passed. The joint board consists of 500 members, all of whom present at the meeting to-night.

According to the constitution of the Association, if the ballot shows that 75 per cent workers favour strike, a general strike will be declared. There are about 40,000 workers who are members of the Labour Association, and if a general strike is decided upon, it will affect about a lakh of textile workers in the city.—United Press.

LABOUR ACCUSES MILLOWNERS

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 2.

The following statement has been received from the Textile Labour Association:—

Mr. Rajadhyaksha, District and Sessions Judge, who was appointed by Government as Special Conciliator to settle the dispute arising out of the Labour Association's demand for dearness allowance concluded his examination of the case and made known his recommendations on 27th January. He asked the parties to agree to a cash allowance of Rs. 1|13|3, that is, about 5 per

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Japanese Campaign In China

Field Dispatches Claim Military Advance

TOKYO, Feb. 2.

According to field despatches quoted by the Domei Agency big campaigns are simultaneously in full swing in North and South China.

In South China, the Japanese forces claim to have surrounded over twenty divisions of Chinese troops north-west of Nanning.

It is also reported that the Japanese have crossed the Yukiang river 35 miles east of Nanning and the fall of Wuyuan in Suiyuan District is claimed to be imminent.—Reuter.

TOKIO TALK DEADLOCK?

Sir Robert Craigie had a further interview with the Vice-Foreign Minister, Mr. Tani, on the "Asama Maru" incident.

A Foreign Office spokesman later said that no further meeting was scheduled for the moment and added that Mr. Chamberlain's remarks regarding the incident had evoked the greatest interest as a friendly gesture.

ARITA JUSTIFIES ACTION.

Replying in the House of Peers, Mr. Arita reiterated that that Japan's case was based on International Law and the German passengers were given passage on the "Asama Maru" because it was the Japanese contention that they would not be arrested by belligerent warships.

ADMIRAL'S VIEW.

Admiral Yoshida, the Navy Minister, stated this morning that the matter might be settled through diplomatic channels.

AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET

Soviet Russia, Outer Mongolia, Japan and Manchukuo have agreed to the formation of two general Boundary Commissions. This was revealed by a Foreign Office spokesman.

The first will deal with boundary delimitation questions generally and the second with border disputes.

It is expected that the commissions will meet in the near future.

TRADE WITH RUMANIA.

A commercial understanding has been reached between Rumania and Japan says the Domei Agency. According to reliable information, says the Agency, the Japanese Foreign Office, since the last year, has been conducting negotiations for the furtherance of trade and it declares that the Rumanian Government have reciprocated Japanese efforts. It is stated that Rumania has agreed on the condition that Japan buys Rumanian products under the barter system.

STOP PRESS

TWO STEAMERS SUNK?

LONDON, Feb. 2.

Two more steamer sinkings are announced by the German wireless, namely, the (6,000 ton) British ship "Oregon" torpedoed 140 miles off Coruma, and the Swedish (2,000 ton) steamer "Fram" sunk after an explosion off the British coast. Nineteen of the "Fram's" crew are stated to be missing. No reference is made to the fate of the "Oregons" crew.—Reuter.

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Municipal Office,
Ahmedabad,
31st January, 1940.
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S. N. DAMLE,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
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SATURDAY, FEB. 3.

Bombay I & II—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit. 8-10 Indian music. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Delhi 1. 8-40 News in Hin. 8-50 News in Eng. 9 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1. 11-30 a.m. to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 1. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 1.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 5-25 As in Delhi 1. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 to 6 As in Delhi 1. 6 News in Eng. 6-5 News in Hin. 6-10 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial News. 7-45 Records. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 9 As in Delhi 1. 9 News in Hin. 9-20 News in Eng. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1. 10-30 News in English.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-10 G. A. Khan Gwaliari. 5-25 Duets from the Screen. 5-35 Tan Paran: Sitar, Tabla. 5-40 Light music. 6-15 Gauhar Sultan. 6-30 For Villagers only. 7-30 Raftar-i-Zamana: Review of current events in Hindustani. 7-45 Faiyaz Mohammad. 8 Preet ke geet. 8-15 March of Time: Review of current events. 8-30 Bhuribai. 8-50 A duet. 10 Chand Khan. 10-20 G. A. Khan Gwaliari.

Delhi II—Programme

50.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 6-15 As in Delhi 1. 6-15 Faiyaz Mohammad. 6-30 Bhuribai. 6-50 A Sitar recital. 7 Chand Khan. 7-20 Gauhar Sultan. 7-30 to 7-45 As in Delhi 1. 7-45 G. A. Khan Gwaliari. 8 to 10 As in Delhi 1. 10 Thumri, geet aur Ghazal.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

5-10 p.m. For the countryside. 7 Kaneez Khatoon of Cawnpore. 7-20 Hamtaran Ghazalen. 7-30 Adabi Be-Adabian. 3: Talk in Hin. 7-45 Sham ke Rag. 8 Namus: Play in Hin. 9-50 Ghazal. 10 Rasheeda Begam of Amritsar. 10-15 Kaneez Khatoon.

Dacca Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. Ramananda Roy. 5-15 Sourin Roy. 5-30 Sarama Bose. 5-50 Chhaya-Chabi. 6-6 Khelaghar or Toyland: For Children only. 7 Ramananda Roy. 7-15 Mateer-Maya: Musical sketch. 7-40 Sunity Chakravarti. 7-50 Radharani. 8-15 Jnan Goswami. 9-5 Dreamy strokes: Sitar solo. 9-45 Radharani. 10 Jnan Goswami.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)
370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the countryside. 5-50 For the countryside (Contd.) 6-10 Mastan Gama. 6-30 Indubala. 6-50 Old Bengali songs by Indubala. 7-5 Kaveri—Teere: Musical sketch. 7-45 Improve Your Bengali, 3: Style: Talk in Bengali. 8 Just a surprise! 8-15 Niroda Ranta Lahiri Chowdhuri: Sitar. 9 The American Legion Band of Hollywood. 9-45 Dance music.

Calcutta II—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 9-30 As in Calcutta 1. 9-30 Sushanta Mukerjee. 9-40 Sati Devi. 9-55 New Odsi Songs.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

4-10 p.m. Akhtaribai Faizabadi. 6-25 Topic of the day. 6-30 Hamara Panchayeighar: For rural areas. 7 Rais Ahmed Khan. 7-10 Saheli Boojh Paheli: For girls only. 7-30 Conquest of Happiness: Talk in Hin. 7-45 Akhtaribai Faizabadi. 8 Zood Pasheman: Play in Hindustani. 8-20 Rais Ahmed Khan. 8-30 Life is a Tragedy, 3: Talk. 8-45 Akhtaribai Faizabadi. 9-45 Records. 9-50 Qadir Bukhsh. 10 Rais Ahmed Khan. 10-15 Akhtaribai Faizabadi.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. A programme for children in Eng. 4-30 Dale Smith: Baritone. 5 Carnatic orchestra. 5-20 G. Pydiswamy Brothers: Nagaswaram. 6-5 Parupalli Satyanarayana: Voice. 6-45 Tenali Raman, 2: Dramatic presentation in Tamil. 7 To-day's headline (Tamil). 7-5 I Want, 2: Make me laugh: Talk in Telugu. 7-15 Instrumental interlude. 7-50 Ariyakudi Ramanuja Aiyangar: Voice. 9 To-day's headline (Eng.) 9-5 English Talk. 9-15 An interlude.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 p.m. to 6-5 As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 6-9 Palu-Pampakam: Play in Telugu. 6-25 Urmila Devi Nidra. 6-31 Kosthavinthalu. 6-40 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 European music.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-20 Tirupparkadal Srinivasa Iyengar: Violin. 5-45 Tunes from the Talkies. 6-5 For the villages. 6-30 Shrimati M. S. Tripurambal. 7 Ulagapokku: Weekly review of world events. 7-15 Learn to sing. 7-50 Rangappa of Mysore: Flute. 8-30 A short story. 8-45 Shrimati M. S. Tripurambal. 9-45 Rangappa: Flute.

Hyderabad Programme

411 metres (730 kc/s)

5-30 p.m. A. S. Khan—music. 5-50 M. Khan—Sitar. 6 "Murgh Bazi" Talk by Mr. M. I. Baig. 6-15 Zohra Jan—songs. 7 to 7-30 For children in Urdu. 7-30 A. S. Khan—music. 7-45 Zohra Jan—songs. 9-10 A. S. Khan—music. 9-30 Zohra Jan—songs.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Pass.	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

	Arr.	Dep.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon.)	(Sat.)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

Frontier Mail (on Saturday only) for London 8-40

TRADE DEMAND PUTS UP N. Y. COTTON PRICES BY 11 TO 2 POINTS

Traders Await Congressional Action On Agricultural Appropriations

Bombay, Feb 2

The New York cotton market was narrow on Thursday, with traders still awaiting Congressional action on agricultural appropriations and the proposed changes in the Farm Programme.

It appears that despite war in Europe consumption of American cotton for the current season will be about 13 1/2 to 13 3/4 million bales. Exports exclusive of barter sales are expected to be about 6 1/2 million bales. These figures being very satisfactory naturally there exists moderately bullish feeling and we believe it is a good game to buy on all important setbacks.

There is no free cotton available to meet speculative needs and the certified stocks remains at a low ebb.

The American Government has decided to keep the area under cotton cultivation at a low figure after the result of farmers' referendum and one can look for only a medium sized crop next year under fairly favourable weather conditions. Thus we can count upon a new crop of about 12 million bales size and this cannot have any depressing effect on the price structure. On the contrary if weather conditions become unfavourable during growing period, there will be extensive bullish speculative activity carrying prices to new high levels. However, political and war developments must be carefully watched but preference should be given to purchases.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened steady and advanced in sympathy with overseas cables. Trade and Spot houses buying of nears and Bombay buying of distants absorbed local and southern selling. Prices sagged on Commission House liquidation but encountered renewed trade demand.

At the opening March was quoted 6 points up at 10.71 and declined to 10.66 under scattered selling. At this level there appeared fairly active buying and March advanced to 10.77 which was the highest level. Near months were relatively firm and the market closed at a net rise of 11 to 2 points. Spot cotton prices gained 10 points at 10.99c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly steady with a slightly improved buying and closed at a rise of 4 to 6 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 4 points at 10.36c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a rise of 6 points with March 7.86. The market was nervous. There was Spot house buying of near positions and Bombay buying of distants. Contracts were scarce. Prices later eased on hedging and local liquidation in the absence of follow-through support. There was outside speculative buying and local short covering against light hedging. The market closed at a rise of 9 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices declined 16 points at 8.10d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton ring was firm with general buying. Uppers futures advanced 23 to 24 points and Giza futures improved 30 to 29 points. The Alexandria cotton market was steady. Sakels advanced 21 to 22 points and Ashmouni futures rose 11 points.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (3 p.m.)	10.77+12
New York March lowest (10-35 a.m.)	10.66+01
Liverpool March highest	7.92+12
Liverpool March lowest	7.77—03

Messrs. Patel Brothers have received the following cable from New York Cotton Exchange Service:

World consumption American season possibly 13,250,000 to 13,500,000. Exports exclusive barter 6,500,000 to 6,750,000. Loan repossessions slower. Belt has weevil killing freezes. Cloths slow. Business declining. Commodities barely steady.

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

Liverpool: Short covering and Bombay buying.

NEW YORK COTTON
(New Contracts)

	New York, Feb 1
March	11.00+15
May	10.56+08
July	10.23+05
October	9.41+02
December	9.32+01

NEW YORK COTTON

	New York, Feb 1
March	10.76+11
May	10.42+09
July	10.06+06
October	9.41+02
Middling Spot	10.88+10

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

	New York, Feb 1
March	10.86+06
May	10.51+04
July	10.15+05
Middling Spot	10.36+04

NEW YORK

	New York, 11 a.m. rates	Feb 1 Noon call
March	10.69/10.68	10.65
May	10.36/10.36	10.33
July	10.03/10.02	9.97

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

	New York, Feb 1
Day's receipts at all U S Ports	10,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	13,000 bales
Day's exports to the Continent	15,000 bales

LIVERPOOL COTTON

	Liverpool, Feb 1
February	7.90+09
March	7.89+09
April	7.89+09
May	7.89+09
June	7.86+09
July	7.84+09
August	7.77+09
September	7.70+09
October	7.64+09
November	7.59+09
December	7.58+09
January	7.55+09
February	7.52+09
Middling Spot	8.10—16

SWEDISH PRICE REGULATION

By decision of the Swedish Government the articles 2 and 3 in the new price regulation law, which was passed some time ago to enable the Swedish State to obtain an increased control of the price situation in case of need, have come into effect from the middle of Decembe .

According to these articles the Government can inter alia confine the rights to buy and sell a certain commodity to those persons or firms who have undertaken to observe certain conditions stipulated in connection with this law In certain cases the Government can decide that this right will belong only to those who professionally have carried on trade with such commodity before a certain day. The Government also have the right to fix "normal" prices for goods as well as for costs of transports.

PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Bombay, Feb 2

Linseed	2,069 cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	73 cwts.
Gingellyseed	936 cwts.
Groundnuts	24,894 cwts.
Castorseed	4,934 cwts.
Myrabolams	2,001 cwts.
Cottonseed	12,660 cwts.
Mowrasced	1,387 cwts.
Indian sugar	5,172 cwts.

NEW YORK SUGAR

	New York, Feb 1
March	1.86
May	1.92
July	1.97
September	2.00

GROUNDNUTS COROMANDEL SHELLED

	London, Feb 1
February	£14 17 6
March	£14 15 0

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Chicago, Feb 1
May	dol. 0.96
July	dol. 0.93 1/4
September	dol. 0.92 1/2

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Feb 2

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		203	201	198	195
M G Punjab		203	201	198	195
M G Rajputana		212	210	207	204
M G Oomra No. 3	244	242	239	236	
M G C P No. 1	259	257	254	251	
M G C P No. 2	250	248	245	242	
M G Broach No. 2		270	268	265	262

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Feb 2

Yarn No. 6 1/2s June 144	February 140	April 142	
Yarn No. 10 1/2s June 164	February 156	April 160	
Yarn No. 20 1/2s June 227	February 217	April 223	
Yarn No. 40s June 292	February 287	April 290	

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Feb 2

Bengal Fine	206/07
Punjab Fine	201-03
C. P. 1	256-58
C. P. 2	247-48
Berar	241-42
Khandesh	228-32
Jalna Sailu	232-35
Ahmednagar	232-34
Broach	263-65
Punjab 4 F	273-80
Punjab 289 F	303-10
Sindh N T	293-98

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Feb 2

On Thursday, London gold prices remained unchanged at £8-8-0. London Paris exchange rate was 176 1/2 to 176 3/4. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 3.97 5/8 at New York. London silver prices advanced 3/8d. at 21 3/4d. for Spot and forward quotation was raised 5/16d. at 21 11/16d. There was little speculative buying and offerings were small. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents. Shanghai T T on London was quoted at 4 1/2d. London Bombay Spot silver parity was Rs. 57-11-9 and forward parity was Rs. 57-9-6. The local market was closed to-day in the honour of the death of Mrs. Daga.

LONDON SILVER

	London, Feb 1
Spot	21 3/4
Forward	21 11/16

LONDON GOLD

	London, Feb 1
Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8-8-0

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Feb 1

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dollars
Amr Pow and Lt 5 per cent Pfd	45
Elec Pow and Lt 7 per cent Pfd	30 1/4
Amr For Pow 5 per cent 2030	62 3/4
Amr For Pow 7 per cent Pfd	23 1/8
Columbia Gas and Electric	6 1/8
Elec Bond and Share Common	6 3/4
Elec Bond and Share dol 5 Pfd	57
Int Tel and Tel	4
Amr Tel and Tel	170 3/4
Union Pacific	93 7/8
Western Union Telg	22 3/4
New York Central R R	15 7/8
Chesapeake and Ohio	39 1/8
Amrex Corporation	15 5/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	79 1/4
Standard Brands	7 3/8
Great Northern Pfd	23 1/2
United States Steel	66 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	73 1/8
Crucible Steel	35
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	20 1/2
Republic Steel	20
Int Nickel of Canada	35 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining	26 5/8
Chrysler Motors	82 1/2
General Motors	52 3/8
General Electric	38 1/4
Woolworth	40 1/2
Socony	11 5/8
Consolidated Oil	7
Texas Corporation	42 5/8
Chase National Bank	34 1/2
National City Bank of New York	29

Turnover 460,000 shares. Steady market. We favour standard brands.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb 1

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£65
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	£78
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£91
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£110 1/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£74 3/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£100 1/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£99
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£111 7/8
Victory bonds	£110 7/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£8 7/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	£87 1/2
National Bank of India	£30 1/4

LONDON SEEDS

London, Feb 1

Rozario Santa Fe quoted	25/4 1/2
South Australian shipment fob parcels February quoted	26

LONDON RUBBER

London, Feb

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb sellers	18

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb. 2.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/58 Loan 94
3 per cent 1963/66 Loan 88-14
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101-6
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 94-10
3 1/2 per cent G P Note 90-12
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 100-10
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 106-2
4 per cent 1948 Bonds 104-6
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 110-8
5 per cent 1940/43 Bond 101-4

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-10
4 per cent 1953-65 Mysore 109
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 117-0

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B. P. T. 1974 102-4
4 per cent M. Deb. 1974 101-8
5 per cent M Deb. 1959 113
6 per cent M Deb 1954 120
6 per cent KPT 1956 120
Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Feb 2

B. C. RATES:—
T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 2nd May
LONDON:—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 2nd May
Bank's selling T T D D .....
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 9/32 Two months
NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling T T 334
Bank's buying T T 330
Bank's buying D D 328 1/2
PARIS:—
Bank's selling T T 1300
Bank's buying T T 1330
JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 79 7/3
Bank's buying T T 78 7/8
Bank's buying 60 days 77 7/8
AMSTERDAM:—
Bank's selling D D 55 1/8
JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 54 5/8
HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 83 7/8
SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 27 1/2
SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4
CROSS RATE:—
Hongkong London 1/4 15/16 2nd inst.
Shanghai London 0/4 11/16 2nd inst.
Java London 7.47/55 2nd inst.
New York London 3.97 1/8 1st inst.
London New York 4.02 1/2-3 1/2 1st inst.
London Paris 176 1/2-3/4 1st inst.
London Italy 78.75 1st inst.
London Belgium 23.65/80 1st inst.
London Switzerland 17.85/95 1st inst.
London Stockholm 16.85/95 1st inst.
London Amsterdam 7.53/58 1st inst.
London Japan 1/2 9/32 1st inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8-8-0 31st ulto.
Gold £8-8-0 1st inst.
Silver London Ready 21 3/8 31st ulto.
Silver London Ready 21 3/4 1st inst.
Silver London Forward 21 3/8 31st ulto.
Silver London Forward 21 11/16 1st inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 31st ulto.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 1st inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/8 per cent 31st ulto.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/8 per cent 1st inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 31st ulto.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 1st inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 months 2 1/4 per cent.
6 months 2 1/4 per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

COTTON PARITY

Difference Broach A/M below Liverpool May 177 penny points
Difference Broach J/A below Liverpool July 152 penny points
Difference Broach A/M below New York May 7 cent points
Difference Broach J/A above New York July 61 cent points

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Feb 1

SAKELS:—	
March	19.95+22
May	19.93+21
ASHMOUNI:—	
February	17.46+11
April	17.71+11
GIZA:—	
March	18.58+36
May	18.90+26

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Feb 1

Broach A/M highest 271 1/2 lowest 263 1/2 closing 263 3/4
Broach J/A highest 279 1/2 lowest 272 1/4 closing 272 1/4
Oomra March highest 241 1/2 lowest 234 3/4 closing 234 3/4
Oomra May highest 245 lowest 237 closing 237
Bengal March highest 200 lowest 195 closing 195
Bengal May highest 203 1/2 lowest 198 1/2 closing 198 1/2

Night session: Broach A/M opening Rs. 263 1/2, highest 268 1/2, lowest 263 1/4, closing Rs. 267 1/2 Broach J/A closing Rs. 276.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 1

UPPERS:—	
Spot	10.01—06
March	10.00+24
May	10.09+23
July	10.15+24
October	9.87+24
November	9.84+24
January	9.84+24
GIZA:—	
Spot	10.54—08
March	10.40+30
May	10.54+29
July	10.60+30
October	10.64+30
November	10.59+29
January	10.59+29

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Feb 2

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:

Ready large grain	Rs.	18	3 0
Ready small grain		18	1 0
Shipment December F B H		9	0 0
Shipment January F B H		9	0 0
Shipment February F B H		9	6 0
Shipment March F B H		9	10 0
Indian sugars:—			
Large grain		18	0 0
	to	18	5 0
Small grain		17	9 0
	to	17	13 0

Tone:—Quiet.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb 1

T T London on:—	
New York	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
Paris	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
Madrid	39.00
Montreal	4.43/4.47
Amsterdam	7.53/7.58
Brussels	23.55/23.80
Milan	78.75
Berne	17.85/17.95
Copenhagen	20.55
Stockholm	16.85/16.95
Oslo	17.55/17.75

Stock Exchange Quietly Steady

NARROW FLUCTUATIONS WITH BUDLA BUSINESS

Cheerful Undertone Leaning On Bull Side

BOMBAY, February 2.

To-day being the last day to even up open business, there was mostly Budla Business in the Share Bazar and throughout the session there was narrow price movement.

In the afternoon, sudden spurt in raw cotton prices on active professional support created cheerful tone in Dalal Street where Tata Steel Dfd. shares were quoted at Rs. 2015/- against official close at Rs. 1976/-.

With a comparatively thin attendance, the local share bazar fluctuated within a narrow range and there was mainly budla business. Neither Bulls nor Bears were aggressive and the market after recent improvement presented somewhat dull appearance.

There were as usual unfounded budget rumours among which fears of increase in Provincial taxation influenced scattered selling but the offerings were well absorbed. The undertone of the market was steady but there was less disposition to operate and although prices have recovered moderately from recent low levels, still certain amount of nervousness exists.

This state is likely to continue until the clarification of Central and Provincial budgets and prices are likely to move in an irregular fashion in the near future.

When the market is dull it will be interesting to cast a glance at price movement of Tata Steel Defds. These shares were quoted at Rs. 1405 before the War and immediately they rose to Rs. 1840 and later reacted to Rs. 1642 X.D. From this level there had been rapid rise and after touching Rs 2182 reacted to Rs. 2062 with a view to beat all past records and reached a new high level of Rs 2367 on the 8th January. From this level prices are declining with occasional rallies of short duration and finally touched Rs. 1900 level on the 29th January. Since then we have a first natural recovery to Rs. 1995 and now the market is hesitating to follow upward move fearing renewed attack by bears. Thus the market is under a hesitant feeling and is likely to sag before we have any sustained improvement. However the fact remains that extensive liquidation has left the market in a technically healthy state as most of the weak element is eliminated from the market but it needs some stimulent to flare up quotations.

With news in the background little changed, buying apathy was again the outstanding feature of the stock market which was fractionally irregular with buyers and sellers still vary and movements in consequential either way. The Wall Street market closed irregular. In the meanwhile a break from a narrow rut is not expected pending some clarification of cloudy business and political trends. U. S. Steel declined 1/8 at 56 1/4. Anaconda Coppers improved 1/8 at 26 5/8 and General Motors declined 1/8 at 52 3/8 dollars.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1975 and after improving to Rs. 1985 declined to Rs. 1957 and finally closed at Rs. 1976 At the official close there was some buying Defds. were quoted at Rs. 2005 for the next settlement Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 376 and after declining to Rs. 369 closed at Rs 370.

Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 935 and after improving to Rs. 941 declined to Rs. 925 and closed at Rs. 930. Century shares were placed at Rs. 310 and Central Indias at Rs. 302. Kohinoors were steady at Rs. 350. Associated Cements closed at Rs. 120/4. Bombay Burmas opened at Rs. 573 and looked up to Rs. 602.

In the afternoon there was a spurt in cotton market on active buying by some professionals and share bazar also displayed cheerful feeling and Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 2015

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, Feb 2

Bombay Dyeing (935) 935 941 925 932 930
Century (312) 313 309 310 305 312 310
Central India (302) 304 300 298 301 302
Kohinoor (352) 350 351 346 350
New Great (368) 368 350 347 345
Simplex (105) 106 105 106
Swadeshi (276) 277 272 273
Associated Cement (119/12) 120 119 120/4
Andhra (1470) 1470
Tram Ord (129/8) 129/4
Tata Hydro (155) 155
Tata Power (1325) 1322 1320 1325
T Steel Defd (1977/8) 1975 1985 1965 1975 1957 1977 1965 1976 (2015)
T Steel Ord (373) 376 369 371 369 370 (373)
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (136/4) 135
Bellapur (225) 225 223/8
B Steam (290) 284 288
B Burma (576/4) 573 585 595 605 602

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 2.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	350	0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	930	0
100	CENTURY	310	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	302	0
100	COLABA	156	0
100	Cooria	120	0
250	David	40	0
250	Dawn	390	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0-7	3
100	FINLAY	154	0
100	GOKAK	182	0
1000	Hindustan	2000	0
100	Indore	49	0
100	Khatau	132	8
100	KOHINOOR	350	0
250	Laxmi	535	0
250	Madras United	25	0
100	MORARJI	170	0
250	Model	90	0
50	MYSORE	103	0
200	NEW GREAT	345	0
100	Osmanshahi	55	0
100	Phoenix	300	0
25	SASSOON SILK	86	0
1000	Sholapur	4225	0
50	SIMPLEX	106	0
100	SWADESHI	273	0
100	SWAN	142	0
500	Vishnu	1380	0
1000	Western	950	0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	100	0
25-50	Central	33	14
500	Imperial	1477	8
125-500	Imp. Conty.	361	14
50-100	India	138	8
100	Reserve Bank	104	4
5	Union	5	12

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	120	4

INSURANCE

100	Empire	630	0
15-100	Jupiter	9	8
20	Mercantile	49	0
15-75	New India	36	0
200	Oriental	4145	0
10-50	Vulcan	7	0

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmed. Old	146	14
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1470	0
10	Ajmer	10	10
50	BOMBAY TRAM	129	8
100	Bombay Suburban	165	0
10	Broach	11	8
100	Karachi	182	8
100	Poona	185	0
100	Surat	160	0
100	TATA HYDRO	155	0
1000	TATA POWER	1325	0

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	990	0
100	C. Province	100	12
100	Dh Baramati	95	8
100	Gujarat	94	5
100	Mandra Bhon	91	5
100	Pachora Jamner	72	0
100	Sara Serajganj	97	0
500	Tapti Valley	781	4

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LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

London Stocks Easier: Home Rails Improve

CROSS RATE DECLINES

Bombay: Feb. 2.

The New York Cotton Market showed some activity owing to steadier Overseas cables, which induced trade and local buying, but higher levels attracted increased liquidation and offerings.

During the night session Cotton advanced on buying support from a prominent operator, but then receded and lost a few points.

London Stock Exchange was slightly easier. Gilt-edged securities were quietly steady.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940

New York: Feb. 2.

Previous closing	10.76
To-day's opening	10.84
Difference	+8
To-day's closing	10.79
Difference	+.03

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940

Liverpool: Feb. 2.

Previous closing	7.89
To-day's opening	8.00
Difference	+11
To-day's closing	7.88
Difference	—1

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May ..... Rs. .....
Broach July/August ..... Rs. .....

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York: Feb. 2.

The trading in March began at 10.84, i.e. 8 points higher than the last closing.

Prices advanced on higher Liverpool cables and trade and local purchases, but later ceased under increased local liquidation and New Orleans selling with March reacting to 10.78.

BOMBAY COTTON Late Trading

Bombay: Feb. 2.

Broach opened to-night at Rs. 273/12 and declined to Rs. 272/8, but then sharply recovered to Rs. 278/4. The market closed steady at Rs. 273/8.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Feb. 2.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

March (10.70/70) 10.84/84
May (10.40/39) 10.49/49
July (10.03/03) 10.15/14

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: Feb. 2.

American March (7.80) 7.98
American May (7.80) 7.97
Giza March (10.14) 10.41
Giza May (10.28) 10.56

LONDON COMMODITIES

London: Feb. 2.

SEEDS

Castorseeds February March (£21 1/4 quoted) £22 quoted

Linseed Bombay/Calcutta February/March (£19 1/2 quoted) £19 3/4 quoted

Linseed La Plata February (£15 7/16 quoted) £15 7/16 quoted.

Groundnuts Coromandal February March (£14 3/4 quoted) £15 quoted.

JUTES

Dundee February (£49) £49

Lightning February (£46) £46

RUBBER

Spot (1 15/16d paid and value) 11 3/4d paid and buyers

Forward April/June (11 3/4d paid and buyers) 11 11/16d paid and sellers

METALS

Tin (£236 1/2 buyers; £236 3/4 sellers. Barely steady). £236 buyers; £236 1/2 sellers. Quiet.

Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62

Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No. 3 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: Feb. 2.

Previous closing	3.97 5/8
To-day's opening	3.96 7/8

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: Feb. 2.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London: Feb. 2.

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London: Feb. 2.

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day:—

Little speculative buying and selling. Business very small. Market quiet.

LONDON SILVER

London: Feb. 2.

Spot (21 3/4d) 21 13/16d +1/16
Forward (21 11/16d) 21 3/4d +1/16

LONDON GOLD

London: Feb. 2.

Gold Bars fine per ounce (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: Feb. 2.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

Franc was officially fixed at 176.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay (30.25) 30.23
London on Milan (78.75) 78.25
London on Shanghai (0-4 3/8 to 0-4 13/16) 0-4 1/4 to 0-4 11/16
London Kobe (1-2 1/16 to 1-2 5/32) 1-2 3/16 to 1-2 9/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent
4 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent.
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: Feb. 2.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 52 1/2) dol 52 5/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 26 5/8) dol 26 7/8
U S Steel Common (dol 56 5/8) dol 56 3/4
U S Steel Pref (unquoted) dol 116

WHEAT AND SEEDS Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: Feb. 2.

Wheat May	4	6	3
Linseed May	7	10	0
Groundnuts February	37	6	0
Groundnuts May	40	11	6
Castorseeds May	53	4	0
Cottonseeds May	26	13	6

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Jutes Steadier

CALCUTTA: Feb. 2.

Jutes: Steadier feeling continued and the volume of trading was moderate. Coals revealed no fresh feature. Teas were practically neglected. In Miscellaneous Indian Iron and Steel and other speculative issues kept fairly steady. Government securities kept firm again on fair buying support.

It has been decided by the Committee that the Calcutta Stock Exchange Association Hall will remain entirely closed on the 5th Feb. as a mark of protest against the proposed Excess Profits Tax Bill.

Following are the closing quotations:—

Government Securities: 3 per cent new loan 1963/65 89/4 s l; 3 per cent paper 78/5 s l; 3 1/2 per cent paper 90/11; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947/50 100/10 s l; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 105/14; 3 per cent Punjab 1949 94/6.

Banks: Central 34/12; Reserve 101/8 exdiv.

Coals: Amalgamated 29/8; Borrea 13/12; Bhalgora 5/14 c t; Equitable 37/12; Raneegunge 28/10

Jutes: Adamjee 25/4; Agarpara Pref 134 s l c t; Anglo-India 390; Bally 241; Barnagore 136 s l; Budge-Budge 352; Clive 27 s l; Ganges 350; Hooghly 58/8; Howrah 55/2; Hukumchand 7/12; Pref 79 s o l; India 346; Kamarhatty 515; Lansdowne 170 o l; Meghna 38/12; Nuddea 64/10; Presidency 5/13.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 6/10; Consolidated Tin 4/11 ex-div; Indian Copper 2/5; Rhodesia Copper 1/6; Indian Iron and Steel 35/12; Steel Corporation 19/10; B I Corporation 4/5; Dunlop Rubber 2nd Pref 105/8 c t; British Burma Petro 5/4; Tide Water Oil 13/10; India Paper Pulp 130; Titaghur Paper 'A' and 'B' Ordy 29/8; Carew 11/7; Samastipore 8/10; Purtabpore Pref 14/8.

Teas: Amluckie 59; Duffiaghur 13/4; Singell 56.—A. P.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET.

Dull Tone.

MADRAS: Feb. 2.

The local Exchange remained dull, but Sugars met with a small enquiry. Cotton mills were easier, while Planting issues remained dull.

Exchange Transactions: Palani Andavar Prefs 50/8; Mysore Spuns 7/2; B B 2/14; Velamasai 9/10; Kalpettas 17/12; Feb. 17/14; March United Tea 111/8; Mysore Sugars 43/8 s l, 43/4, 43; Travancore Sugars 12, 12/2; Mysore Paper 12/14; Hukumchand Jutes 7; Singareni Coals 10/12

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI: Feb. 2.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Cotton Sind March 26/15; Punjab March 27/7; 4-F March 29/12/9. Tone:—Steady.

Wheat March 29/15; July 31/2/9.

Gram July 31/13/6.

Toria Feb. 43/1/9; March 46/9/3; May 47/10/9.

Cottonseed March 23/12; May 24/2/6.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Feb 2

Yellow metal sheets ..... Rs. 57 0 0
Copper sheets ..... Rs. 76 0 0
Tone:—Steady.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb 2

Following a rise of 11 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 268/8 for Broach A/M delivery. The market opened at Rs. 265 and improved to Rs. 268/8 with scattered buying but later on there was some realising and prices reacted to Rs. 266/8. The market steadied at this level. There was restricted turnover and higher levels are attracting increased selling. Broach cotton crop is now expected to arrive freely and may have damping effect in the near future.

Later on there were some rumours about possible change in the exchange rate and with active buying by some professional operators prices quietly improved to Rs. 272. The market steadied at this level awaiting Liverpool opening advices. Now local market is picking up lost tone but any undue rise at this time of the year will hamper bonafide trade and will induce withdrawals of export support. So it will be in the interest of the market to keep movements on during merits particularly when the crop is arriving. Anyway the market is well liquidated and now prices do not seem likely to show any substantial decline and it will be advisable to buy on dips. Liverpool market opened at a rise of 11 points and in the local market prices after advancing to Rs. 274/8 steadied at Rs. 273/8.

Later Liverpoo reported 22 points higher and prices in the local market advanced to Rs. 277. At this level realising appeared and quotations eased off at 5-30 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach:—			
April/May	Rs. 274	12	0
July/August	283	0	0
Fine M G Oomra:—			
March	245	4	0
May	248	12	0
F G M G Bengal:—			
March	203	12	0
May	207	0	0

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 2-2-1940:—

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. —.024 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 76.0 deg.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 72.2 deg.

Maximum temperature during 24 hrs. 85.0 deg. (3.4 above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 72.0 deg. (5.7 above normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 82 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. S-S.E.

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 6 miles per hr.

Total movement of wind in 24 hrs. 125 mls.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 21 miles per hour.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 3.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 2-2-1940

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 77.8 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.15 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.96 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

3½ P.C. STERLING LOAN

London: Feb. 2.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £91

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: Feb. 2.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£95 1/2) £95 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£91) £91
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£110 1/4) £110 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£111) £111 1/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£105 1/2) £105 3/4
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£107) £107
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£101) £101

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£106 1/2) £106 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£74 3/8) £73 7/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£100 1/8) £99 7/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101) £101
4 per cent Funding Loan (£111 7/8) £111 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£99) £98 3 4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110 7/8) £110 5/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-6) 11-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (51-9) 51-10 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/8) dol 3
Electric Music Industry (2 3, 8-3
Princhin Johnson (17 7 1/2) 17-10 1/2
Imperial Chemical (30 9) 30 7 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (60-9) 60-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£36) £35 1/2
Dunlop Rubber (29-3) 29-3
Unilever Ordinary (29-3) 29-0
Ford Motors (15-9) 15-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£60) £60 1/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (103-1 1/2) 101-10 1/2
Carreas 'A' (£5 7/8) £5 7/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (120-0) 120
P and O Def. (19-0) 19-6
Distillers (68-0) 67-9
Bredfords Dye (6-6) 6-6
British Celanese (6-9) 6-9
J and P Coates Ordinary (33-7 1/2) 33-10 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (34-10 1/2) 35-0
Fine Cotton Spinners (6-0) 6-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary (18-4 1/2) 18-4 1/2
Inter Nickel (dol 46 3/8) dol 46 1/4
Indian Iron (52-6) 52-6

TEA SHARES

Assam (16-10 1/2) 16-10 1/2
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (22-9) 22-9

JUTES

Barnagore (£11 1/4) £11 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (24-0) 24-3
Gula Kelampong (21-3) 21-3
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust (33-3) 33-1 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (35-7 1/2) 35-7 1/2
Burma Corporation (9-6) 9-9
Rio Tintos (£15) £15
East Rand Properties (47-6) 47-6
Rand Mines (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£14) £13 7/8
Associated Portland Cement (48-9) 49-4 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold (71-3) 70-0
Sub Nigel (£9 3/4) £9 3/4
Spring Mines Split Shares (25-0) 25-0
Union Corporation (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (23-1 1/2) 23-9
Anglo-Iranian (56-3) 55-0
Burma Oil (66-10 1/2) 68-1 1/2
Mexican Eagle (5-10 1/2) 5-9
Shell Transport (78-1 1/2) 78-1 1/2
Royal Dutch (£33 1/8) £33 1/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£40 1/2) £42 1/4
London Midland Ordinary (£15) £15 5/8
London North Eastern Def. (£2 3/8) £2 3/8
London Southern Def. (£14) £14 3/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£117 1/2) £118
London Transport "C" (£65) £65

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVAL

Bombay: Feb. 2.

Standard Vaccum Oil Coy's Norwegian s s Scotia of 5907 reg tons, Capt P Eriksen arrived from Abadan with cargo of kerosene and petrol.

SAILED

N Y Kaisha's Japanese s s Nagato Maru of 4325 reg tons, Capt I Kanno, sailed for Karachi, with general cargo.

LOADING

The following vessels are booked for loading on 2/2/1940:—

Japanese s s Nagato Maru; Japanese s s Anyo Maru and Italian s s Conte Biancamano.

EXPORTS

Bombay: Feb. 2.

3999 bags groundnut seeds R Ratilal and Co; 960 bags myrabollams C Jivanlal and Co; 308 bags myrabollams J Moolchand and Co; 14 bundles cotton hosiery Herbertson Ltd; 27 bales cotton bleached sheetings Herbertsons Ltd; 25 bales cotton waste J D Khambata and Co; 400 bales raw cotton N Manilal and Co; 100 bales raw cotton P Premchand; 50 bales raw cotton Viram Laldha and Co; 100 bales raw cotton S R Tulshan and Co Ltd; 640 bags myrabollam K Tricamji, 1614 bags myrabollam H Bhagwandas and Co; 640 bags myrabollam H Raghavji and Co; 1920 bags myrabollam J Hasmukhlal and Co; 28 bales sheep skin tanned F Janmahomed; 36 bales sheep skin tanned K Lalbhai and Sons; 7 bales goat skin tnd K Lalbhai and Sons; 10 bales goat skin tnd A K Abdui Rasool; 20 bales cotton twist waste The Jassani Carpet Co; 90 bales cotton waste D Abraham and Sons; 72 drums magnesium chloride P Magnesia Works Ltd, 301 bales cotton piecegoods The Bombay Dyeing and Mfg Co Ltd; 11 bales linseed H S Cox and Co; 73 bales cotton piecegoods Keshavji Virji and Co; 667 bags groundnut kernal The Oil Seed Trading Co Ltd; 60 bls grey cotton sheetings K P Bhatia; 40 bags steatile powder Shaw Wallace and Co; 187 bales cotton twist waste M Narotamdas and Co; 425 bales cotton waste M Chandulal and Co; 15 bales cotton grey sheeting R E Ani; 4480 bags groundnut oil cake meal L Dreyfus and Co; 800 bales raw cotton N Rajaram and Co; 220 bales raw cotton The Bombay Co Ltd; 200 bags fennel seed H K Kesharwalla; 204 bales hemp raw H K Kesharwalla; 65 bags turmeric H K Kesharwalla.

IMPORTS

Bombay: Feb. 2.

51 cases toilet soap; 38 cases camphor; 550 drums pig lead; 86 cases colours; 33 pkgs ink tablets; 37 cases soap; 255 bags Beri leaves; 234 cases medicines; 55 bags empty glass phials; 170 drums aniline colours; 46 drums paint; 600 bags figs; 1000 bags bleaching earth; 1950 drums linseed oil; 585 pkgs yellow rope; 76 cases dry batteries; 19385 pieces pine rough boards; 54 cases hardware 594 packages chemicals; 1400 bags marble chips; 53 coils Manila rope; 230 bales gunny bags; 520 drums bleaching powder; 65 c/s magnesia carbonate; 55 pieces M S channels; 9140 pieces fire bricks; 160 bags fire bricks; 224 cases gramophone goods; 40 bgs pumic powder; 490 bags sulphur; 4507 tons coal; 437 pieces spelter zinc; 407 bales cotton; 100 bags manufactured Naxos Emery; 1101 cases mineral water; 200 pieces stoneware white glazed half pipes; 100 pieces metal scrap; 82 cases liquors; 279 slabs rough marble slabs; 780 cases Vermouth; 60 bags soda; 1900 bags almonds; 100 bundles steel sleepers; 124 pieces carriage and wagon axles; 68 cases playing cards; 24 bales board's; 200 bundles iron wire; 127 bales Cromo art printing paper; 65 bales cotton yarn 1889 cases art silk yarn; 302 bdls galvanized iron wire; 104 drums caustic soda; 1184 bls paper; 159 chests tea; 211 bales Hessian cloth; 63 cases preserved fruits; 240 cases Napthaline; 100 bags sulphate copper; 65 c/s cigarette paper.

AHMEDABAD STRIKE PLAN

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cent of wages per month and supply of certain articles in kind at pre-war prices making in all a relief of nearly 12 per cent to the workers and a cost of 10 per cent of wages to the industry. Notwithstanding the fact that the recommendation fell short of its expectations, the Managing Committee of the Labour Association decided to accept it without any reservation and this acceptance was communicated to the Special Conciliator.

The Millowners' Association was unable to reach any decision till 31st January, the last day, proceedings and the Labour Association agreed to the extension of the proceedings for two days in the hope that the Millowners would in the interval see the justice and desirability of giving effect to the recommendation of the Special Conciliator. It is a matter for the keenest regret that the Millowners have now finally rejected the Special Conciliator's recommendations arrived at after close examination of the material and arguments submitted by the two parties.

This denial of elementary justice by the millowners has created a grave situation for both the industry and Labour. For Labour it is not a matter of bargaining. The issue is whether they should consent to be ruled by the arbitrary will of the employers or whether they should stand up for justice based on the findings of an impartial judicial officer of high rank.

Late this evening the millowners asked for changes in the recommendations of the Special Conciliator and suggested a further addition of articles for supply, reducing the cash allowance to less than 2 per cent of the wages. It is significant that at an earlier stage the millowners had themselves declared these articles to be wholly unsuitable for the purpose.

We owe it to the public to state that in our eagerness to avoid a deadlock the Labour Association went so far as to agree even to the modification of the recommendations of the Special Conciliator to this extent that it arrangements in respect of articles already agreed to by both parties for supply in kind were found to work successfully the Labour Association would agree to an extension of this arrangement to such other articles as may be found suitable for such treatment. It passes our comprehension that that millowners should have thought fit to turn down even such a reasonable offer.

It should have been realised that in agreeing to receive a major part of the dearness allowance in kind the Labour Association was entering upon a wholly untried and difficult experiment and its insistence on adhering to the original recommendations of the Conciliator is prompted solely by the consideration that further extension of the list of articles to be supplied in kind would make the experiment unworkable and would lead to its breakdown. If the millowners had genuinely desired the success of the arrangement they would have appreciated the attitude of the Labour Association and offered full sympathy and co-operation

OWNERS DEFEND ATTITUDE

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 2.

"The demand of the Textile Labour Association amounted to an increase in wages by about 24 per cent, and the industry was called upon to bear extra-burden to the tune of over a crore of rupees," says a statement issued by the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association to-night, following the break-down of negotiations for the acceptance of the Special Conciliator's proposals in the dispute arising out of Labour's demand for dearness allowance.

The statement adds: "In the opinion of the Millowners' Association the demand was unfair and untenable."

After reviewing events following labour's demand for dearness allowance, the statement states that, despite various adverse factors, the Association agreed to accept the Special Conciliator's suggestions to open cheap grain shops and supply 22 commodities at pre-war prices. In no other textile centre the employers have agreed to shoulder such a large burden.

"The Association deeply regrets," concludes the statement, "that the Textile Labour Association have failed to appreciate the generous gestures of goodwill made by the millowners in order to help the workers and thereby the Labour Association, and have brought about an impasse with serious consequences."— United Press.

Stage Set For Delhi Talks

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welcomed in non-official circles and it is well-known that Sir Sikandar Hayat expressed several times his desire for a solution of Punjab problems on a provincial basis. In fact it is said that Mr Jinnah wants to keep Sir Sikandar and Mr. Fazlul Haq in the League's fold as otherwise they may have provincial settlements with other communities and the League's influence thereby lost.

Sir Sikandar had prolonged talks with Mr. Jinnah about the League's attitude towards war "vis-a-vis" the refusal of the British Government to hold an inquiry into the allegations against the Congress Governments. The League is likely to pass a non-committal resolution.

There is visible nervousness in League quarters over the probable settlements between the Viceroy and the Congress through Gandhiji.

DECLARATION OF INDIA'S 'STATUS'

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2.

Political circles regret not much light is yet thrown on the important talks which commence here next week.

It is significant while the under-Secretary of State for India earlier hinted at constitutional conferences, yesterday's interpellation in the Commons mentions only the meeting between Gandhiji and Viceroy.

WILL GANDHIJI ACCEPT IT?

It is felt here on the main political issue that there is likely to be an agreement between Mahatma and Lord Linlithgow, since Gandhiji has often expressed himself in favour of Dominion Status within the meaning of the statute of Westminster with the right of secession at will.

Issue Of Time And Method

The point at issue, however, will be the time and method for ushering it in. Gandhiji would, probably ask for an idea of "shortest practicable interval" mentioned in the Viceroy's Bombay speech. Regarding the method, while Congress demanded a Constituent Assembly, Gandhiji has expressed willingness to accept "its equivalent". That is interpreted here as willingness for the method generally acceptable to various parties in the country to be evolved after consultation with them and not necessarily to be solved immediately.

MAIN QUESTION TO BE SHELVED?

It is emphasised here that the Viceroy's suggestion for Coalition Governments in Provinces related only to the proposal for associating Congress, Muslim League and Princes in the Viceroy's Executive Council. "This has no reference to the main political issue arising out of the Constitutional deadlock in Congress Provinces. It is therefore, believed the Viceroy would not press for a settlement with Muslim League for resolving this Provincial position."

DECLARATION OF INDIA'S STATUS

It is presumed that there will be no difficulty about declaration of India's political status. At the forthcoming meetings between the Viceroy and Gandhiji a formulae will be sought to be evolved, which should enable the Congress to return to office in the Provinces.

Political observers including those in close touch with Gandhiji do not hazard a guess for they emphasise that Gandhiji would not compromise on fundamentals and once fundamentals are assured all else would be easy of solution.

DEMAND FOR AUTONOMOUS STATE

Solution For Minority Problem Of Muslims

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2.

Certain fundamental principles on which in the opinion of Moslems the future Indian constitution should be based have been defined by a joint meeting held here of the members of the Foreign Committee of the All-India Moslem League and of the authors of the alternative constitutional schemes submitted to the League. Sir Abdulla Haroon presided.

All the nine schemes so far prepared were discussed and analysed in the light of the Indian conditions and in relation to the international situation and the latest position in the country following the frequent expression of different opinions.

"At this juncture," says a resolution adopted by the meeting, 'the meeting felt it was desirable and necessary on its part to make a respectful recommendation to the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League to state its mind in an unequivocal language with regard to the future of the Indian Muslim nation and prepare the latter also for launching a struggle to achieve the following fundamental rights about which the Muslim nation of India is absolutely definite and clear in its mind.—

NATIONAL HOME FOR MUSLIMS

1. The Muslims of India who constitute 90 millions of people are a separate nation entitled to the same right of self-determination which has been conceded in respect of other nations.

2. The Muslims of India shall in no case agree to be reduced to the position of a minority on the basis of extraneous and foreign considerations or for the sake of any political convenience or expediency;

3. That in order to make the Muslim right of self-determination really effective the Muslims shall have a separate national home in the shape of an autonomous state;

4. That the Muslims living in the rest of India shall be treated as the nationals of the aforesaid Muslim state and their rights and privileges shall be fully safeguarded.

5. That any scheme of Indian Reforms interfering with these basic principles shall be stoutly resisted by the Indian Muslim nation till it has achieved the aforesaid objective."

The resolution will be placed before the meeting of the All-India Muslim League Working Committee beginning to-morrow. —A P.

JINNAH CLARIFIES LEAGUE DEMANDS

With reference to the question frequently asked what definite constitutional demands of the Muslim League are, Mr. M. A. Jinnah in an interview to-day stated that the answer to that question had been indicated before, particularly in the resolution passed by the Muslim League Working Committee immediately after the outbreak of the war.

The first and fundamental point on which the League insisted was that the Government of India Act 1935 must go lock, stock and barrel and the whole constitutional problem should be considered "de novo". That consideration should be undertaken as soon as practicable.

THE MOSLEM LEAGUE EMPHASISED MR JINNAH, WAS EVEN NOW PREPARED FOR SUCH RE-EXAMINATION AND HAD MADE IT PLAIN THAT SUCH A RE-EXAMINATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT PERMIT OR AT THE LATEST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WAR.

THE LEAGUE DEMANDED THAT A DECLARATION AGREEING TO SUCH RE-EXAMINATION SHOULD BE MADE BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND AS SOON AS THE DECLARATION WAS MADE THE LEAGUE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PLACE BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT THEIR DETAILED SCHEME OF CONSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENTS PROVIDED THAT A SUITABLE MACHINERY WHICH WOULD COMMAND THEIR CONFIDENCE WAS SET UP FOR THAT PURPOSE.— A. P.

Adulteration Of Foodstuffs

During the week ended January 27, thirteen persons were convicted by the Municipal Courts, Bombay, for selling adulterated milk, their punishments ranging from a fine of Rs. 10 or one week's imprisonment to Rs. 50 fine or 50 days' imprisonment.

During the same week one man was convicted to pay a fine of Rs. 25 in default to undergo three weeks' simple imprisonment, for the selling of adulterated ghee.

HELP TO FINLAND

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a food surplus out of which they could furnish little nations without depriving their own people of one atom.

"As a Christian nation or as a nation loving liberty, we have no moral right to stand by with these large food surpluses and see people starve wholesale."

Mr. Hoover added that if the war was long drawn out, its one inevitable end would be famine and pestilence in the whole of Europe.—Reuter.

America To Raise Funds For Finland

NEW YORK:—Maj.-General John Oryan, Commander of the American Division in the great war has announced that he has accepted the chairmanship of a nationwide campaign to raise funds to buy military supplies for Finland beginning from February 15.—Reuter.

BR. ADMIRATION FOR FINNISH UNITY

HELSINKI, Feb. 2.

The British Labour Delegation left to-day for Stockholm and Copenhagen to attend a conference of Scandinavian Labour leaders.

Sir Walter Citrine, interviewed said that he is returning to England with the firm intention of urging the Government to accord Finland fullest help.

Sir W. Citrine added that the unity of Finland was exemplary. Mr. Noel Baker expressed respect for the Finnish soldiers who man for man were immensely superior to Russians.—Reuter.

Swedish Red Cross To Aid Finnish Wounded

STOCKHOLM:—The Swedish Red Cross has decided to ask the International Red Cross Committee to investigate the waging of aerial warfare against the civil population in Finland and violations of Red Cross symbol and the Geneva Convention of which the Russians are alleged to be guilty.

It has also decided to assist in connection with the removal of sick and seriously wounded in Finland.

South Africa's Help To Finland

LONDON, Feb 2.

That the South African Government is "releasing certain aircraft for Finland", is disclosed by Mr. Butler, Foreign Under-Secretary in a written reply issued to-day.

He says that Australia has given ten thousand sterling for the Finnish Red Cross. The following nations have notified the League of their readiness to give help to Finland: Argentina, Australia Bolivia, Columbia, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Hayti, India, Liberia, Mexico, South Africa and Uruguay.—Reuter.

"F" WARD DIST. CONG. COMMITTEE

The Secretary of the 'F' Ward D. C. C. writes:—

The Friends' Art Circle, the organisers of the Rashtriya Uttsav, have requested us to announce that owing to unavoidable difficulties arising at the last moment, the concert, announced to take place to-morrow (Sunday), at the Khalsa College Hall, stands postponed. Those who have bought tickets for the concert will please make a note of the above.

SARASWAT VIDYARTHI SAHAYAK MANDALI

The Hon. Secretaries of the Saraswat Vidyarthi Sahayak Mandali acknowledge the receipt of the following donations recently received by the Society:—Mr. Ramchandra B. Hegde Rs. 150; Mrs. Anusuyabai D. Bhandarkar Rs. 100; Mrs. Nanibai G. Divekar Rs. 100; Dr. (Miss) Sitabai G. Divekar, M.D. Rs. 100; Mr. Dattatraya G. Divekar Rs. 100; Mr. Shripad G Divekar Rs. 100; Miss Yamuna G. Divekar Rs. 100; Dr. S. M. Kamat, M.B., B.S. (Hubli) Rs. 60; Mrs. Tarabai R. Nabar Rs. 51 and Sir Narayan Mandalik, Trustee, Edward Rehatsek Bequest, Rs. 50. Total Rs. 911.

BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Posh Vad 10, 1996
Muslim: Jilhaj 23, 1358
Parsi: Sheherever 1, 1309
Hightide: 7-38; 21-36
Lowtide: 2-23; 14-32
Sunrice: 7h. 13m.
Sunset: 6h. 33m.

ISMAILIA STUDENTS' EDUCATION SOCIETY

Under the auspices of the above Society a conversational meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. in the Hall of the Society, Ismail House, Nishanpada Rd., Bombay.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL KAMGAR SANGH

A monthly meeting of the Managing Committee of the above Sangh will be held in the office of the Sangh, to-day (Saturday), at 7-30 p.m.

SHRI TATVADYAN MANDAL

Mr. V. D. Rishi will speak on "Means of Spirit Communication" to-morrow (Sunday), at 8 a.m. (S.T.) at Shri Mounibuwa's Ram Mandir, Vaidyawadi, Thakurdwar Road.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES

The eighth lecture of the above series will be delivered to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. at Fadke Wadi, Vithalbhai Patel Road, when Prof. B. B. Deshpande, B.A., B.Sc., will speak on "Some Thoughts about the Age of Electricity."

VEDANTA CLASS

Swami Sambuddhananda of Sri Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will hold his class on Vedanta Philosophy at the Batlibol's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Road, Fort, to-day (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.)

INTER-MUSLIM SCHOOLS' SPORTS

The second annual Inter-Muslim Schools Sports and Mass Rally will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 2-30 p.m. on the Islam Gymkhana Grounds. Mr. A. A. Jeelanwalla will preside and give away the prizes.

TELUGU SEVA SANGH

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Telugu Seva Sangh at the Jamboori Maidan Worli, will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. when Mr. B G. Kher will deliver an inaugural address and Mr. B. N. Karanjia, Mayor, will preside.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Goldwyn Follies" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Hollywood Cavalcade" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Blackmail" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" Daily at 4 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Lion Has Wings" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"My Beloved" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
PATHE—"Apni Nagaria" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"The Will" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m
KRISHNA—"Jawani-ki-Reet" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Ghazi Salahuddin" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Admi" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-15 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
PLAZA—"Kahan Hai Manzil Teri" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9 45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-15 p.m.

In Aid Of Sir Narayan Chandavarkar Marathi School

In aid of the funds of the Sir Narayan Chandavarkar Marathi School, conducted by the Bombay Prarthana Samaj, there will be a benefit show of the Marathi film "Brahmachari" at the Royal Opera House on Sunday (18th inst.) at 9 a.m. (S.T.) under the presidentship of the Presidency Magistrate, Mr. Oscar Brown. The rates of tickets are from 4 annas to Rs. 3/4. The tickets can be had in the school during the school periods.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT

Under the auspices of the Youths' Parliament, Prof. Pratapgiri Ram Murti will lecture on "Constituent Assembly" in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. Mr. Manekial H. Vakil will preside. Lecture will be followed by light refreshments.

MASKATI DISPENSARY

The number of out-patients treated in the Maskati Charitable Dispensary and also labour cases in the Bai Nematoolabai Maskati Maternity Home at Kurwa Road of Surat in the month of January 1940 was: Men 5,161; Women 5,707; Children 5,919 and Labour 6. Total 16,793.

ALL-MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS YOUTH CONFERENCE

First meeting of the members of the Reception Committee of the Akhil Maharashtra Congress Youth Conference will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 4 p.m. at Ram Narain Ruia College, to elect the Executive Committee.

Lady Amritbai Kasturchand Daga Passes Away

A very large gathering of prominent personages from Bombay's social and commercial circles paid their last respects to the late Lady Amritbai Kasturchand Daga (wife of the late Hon. Dewan Bahadur Sir Kasturchand Daga, K.C.I.E.), who passed away at her own residence at Chowpatty at 6-30 p.m. on Thursday (Feb. 1) after a brief illness.

The deceased donated lacs of rupees very liberally during her life time to several institutions and was held in the highest esteem by members of her community. Apart from the multitude of her benevolent activities, she was a silent donor of many amenities which received her earnest attention.

Lady Amritbai leaves behind her a large family of mourners among whom are her many sons and grandsons.

The Bombay Bullion Exchange remained closed on Friday as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

USTAD FAIYAZ KHAN'S CONCERT

Under the auspices of the Musical Art Society, there will be a concert of Indian vocal music by Ustad Faiyaz Khan at Laxmi Baug, Bhatwadi, at 8-30 a.m. to-morrow (Sunday). Mr Narayan Indorekar will play on the Tabla.

KARNATAK SANGH

Under the auspices of the Karnatak Sangh, Bombay, a meeting will be held to congratulate Mr. B. N. Datar on his recent success in the M. Sc. (Statistics) exam. of the London University and on his safe return to India, in the office of the Sangha (Sanzgiri Sadan, opp. Majestic Cinema, Girgaon), at 6-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday).

DEBATE ON UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Bombay Youths' Literary and Debating Association will hold a public debate on "University Education in India Enslaves Mind," at the King George English School, Hindu Colony, Dadar, to-morrow (Feb. 4), at 10 a.m. Mr. D. R. Bhise will speak for the proposition and Mr. S. R. Ramachandra will oppose it.

MUSLIM STUDENTS' UNION (V. J. T. INSTITUTE)

The 16th annual social gathering of the above Union will be held to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m (S.T.) at the Institute Hall, when Mr. K. A. Somjee Bar-at-Law, will preside.

BAHA'I ASSEMBLY

A public meeting of the Truth-Seekers will be held at the Baha'i Hall, Bori Bunder, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) at 7 p.m. when Mr. Amin Hazien Journalist shall preside and debate shall take place on: "Humanity is in Dire Need of Religion."

BHATIA STREE MANDAL

There will be a talk on "Ishwari Lila" by Shree Freniben Cama, and also she will sing Bhajans to-day (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Bhatia Stree Mandal, Mangesh Senoi Street, Fort. The Kanya Mandir's members are requested to attend.

B. V. BHAVAN EXTENSION LECTURE

Shri R. G. Gyani, M.A., Curator, Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, will deliver a lecture on "History of Coinage of Gujarat" (in English), at 4 p.m. to-day (Saturday) in the Lecture Hall of the University Buildings (ground floor), South Wing.

SOUTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION

There will be a public debate to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. at the Association premises under the auspices of the South Indian Association. Mr. K. A. Subrahmaniam will move: "This House is of the opinion that hand-spun and hand-woven Khadi industry is economically a feasible and sound proposition and that the economic welfare of the people of India requires the universalisation of Khadi to the exclusion of mill cloth, indigenous or foreign."

Mr. C K. Narayan Swami will lead the opposition.

Sriyut S. R. S. Raghavan, Editor "Commerce" will preside.

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LATE MR. V. N. MEHTA

A True Nationalist

Mr. Vinayaka Nandshanker Mehta (I.C.S.) who passed away last week at Allahabad was the youngest son of Rao Bahadur Nandshanker Tuljashanker Mehta. He was born on 3rd June 1883, at Mandvi Bunder, Cutch State where his father was then the Dewan.

After a brilliant career in the Elphinstone College, he proceeded to England and passed his Civil Service in 1905 and returned home in 1906. Being the first Hindu Gujarati to attain this honour he was given a rousing reception in Bombay and an address was presented to him before a huge gathering.

He was posted at Allahabad which proved to be his first and last station.

He was the first Indian Civilian to be given the post of the Director of Industries in United Provinces. He also served as Secretary to the Education Department. His last post was that of the member of the Board of Revenue, U.P. His services were lent to Kashmir State where he served as Revenue Minister for three years and to Bikaner where he was Prime Minister.

A true nationalist at heart, a genial man of wide reading and culture—His writings in Gujarati or English reflect his fondness for Sanskrit and German as well as Persian literature.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

The following students of the Voluntary Social Workers' Training Class (Elementary Social Study Course), Bombay, have passed the examination, held in 1939:—

Messrs. S. D. Punekar, L. Venugopalrao, H. J. Kapadia, Jayant T. Patel, A. R. Mavani, V. S. Bhatt, J. J. Balsara, C. I. Diwan and I. C. Nagree.

NEW HINDI CLASSES

Under the auspices of the Hindi School, Matunga, new classes will be started from the 12th inst. at Napoo Hall, between 8-30 and 9-30 p.m. and intending students may enrol themselves from to-day (Saturday) between the above-mentioned hours.

From the 12th inst. special classes for ladies will also be started at the same place between 3-30 and 4-30 in the afternoon.

Further particulars can be had on enquiry at the Hindi School, Napoo Hall, Matunga.

SANTA CRUZ CONGRESS ELECTION

The Hon. Secretary, Santa Cruz Taluka Congress Committee, writes:—

Nomination forms for the election of members of the Managing Committee of Santa Cruz Taluka Congress Committee can be had from the Congress Committee office, Bajajwadi, Station Rd., Santa Cruz.

Nominations are to be sent to the Congress Committee office before 8 p.m. (S.T.) to-day (Saturday). Scrutiny of the nomination papers will be made on Sunday, at 9-30 a.m. (S.T.) and if there are more than 25 valid nominations, election will be held on Sunday, the 18th inst.

NATARAJ VASHI

Accomplished Dancer Appearing in Bombay

An attempt to take stock of the contributions of Bombay to the revival of Indian dance cannot miss Nataraj Vashi who is shortly opening his season at the Capitol Theatre. Gifted with a definite terpsichorean talent and a suitable physique, he has succeeded in achieving his ambition to shine as an exponent of dance. The academic education that he received in Bombay side by side with the efficient training in the art of dance, has furnished a necessary cultural background to his art. Nataraj Vashi has visited dance-centres in India, Java, Bali and Ceylon in search of art. He has assimilated the best of every traditional style—and developed his artistic individuality.

Nataraj Vashi is not a stranger to Bombay. He has appeared before and earned the encomiums of the public several times. Today he is an accomplished exponent of a complex art like Indian dance. Having been convinced of his abilities to make a contribution to the artistic wealth of India and to stimulate the popular interest in art, he has ventured to organise his own troupe of well-trained artistes and is returning to Bombay after visiting and winning laurels in Calcutta, Rangoon and Madras. The art-loving public of Bombay, which is actively responsive to the beauty of dance, should not miss the opportunity of appreciating the art of Nataraj Vashi.

D. G. V.

MR. DANGE ARRESTED

Sequel To Publication Of Leaflets

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. S. A. Dange, the well-known labour leader was arrested this morning at his residence at Parel in connection with the publication of two leaflets entitled "Finland" and "War and the Working Class".

MOGAVEERA F. N. HIGH SCHOOL

Sjt. Yusuf Meherally will address the students of the above school on "Students and Politics" to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. at 145, Mody Street, Fort.

MR RUSSEL'S LECTURE ON "WAYS TO THE NEW WORLD"

Under the joint auspices of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood and the Muslim Students' Union, Mr. W. W. Russel of the European Progressive Group, will deliver the second lecture of the series on "Ways to the New World" to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. at the Muslim Students' Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty.

BILLAVA FRIENDS' UNION

The 10th annual gathering of the Billava Friends' Union will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at Manecklal Lallubhai's Bungalow, Sion. The members will meet at G.I.P. Rly. Station, Sion, at 8 a.m. It will be a whole-day function and the proceedings will commence at 9 a.m.

LATE MR. M. K. PATIL

A condolence meeting under the joint auspices of Kshtra Seva Mandal, Dnyati Karyalaya, P. K. Holikotsav Fund and P. K. Vidyarthi Sahayak Sangh will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. in the Samarth Vyayam Mandir, Dadar, to express sorrow at the premature and sad demise of the late Mr. M. K. Patil.

GUJARATI HINDU MANDAL

The annual general meeting of the above Mandal will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Shree Datt Mandir, K.E.M. Hospital Road, Parel, Poibavdi, Bombay No. 12, to sanction the annual report, accounts and to elect the new Managing Committee.

SHRI RAMAKRISHNA ASHRAM

The 78th birthday anniversary of Sriman Swami Vivekananda will be celebrated in the City of Bombay at the Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar, on Sunday, the 4th Feb. with the following all-day programme from 7 a.m. to 7-30 p.m.

PROGRAMME

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Speeches by Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta, Mr. B. G. Kher, Mr. J. K. Mehta and Prof. V. G Rao.

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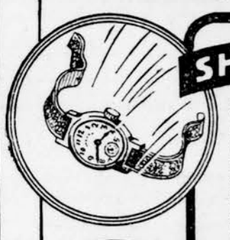

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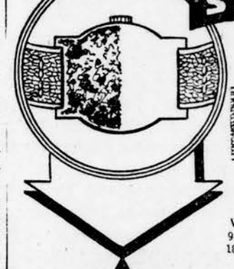

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COMMUNALISM IN EXCELSIS

As the time is coming near for Britain to arrive at some definite decisions regarding constitutional reforms in India, the Working Committee of the Muslim League, which is to meet to-day at Delhi is expected to consider a number of constitutional schemes defining the position of Muslims in a self-governing India. As is his wont, Mr. Jinnah declines to state clearly Muslims' constitutional demands; but he says that, only if the British Government make a declaration that the Government of India Act of 1935 will go "lock, stock and barrel" and that the whole problem will be considered *de novo*, will the League place before the Government "its detailed scheme of constitutional adjustments". Evidently, it does not suit his purpose to publish now even the more important adjustments.

Fantastic Proposals

However, what are claimed to be fundamental principles of the Muslims' claims have been defined by "a joint meeting of the members of the Foreign Committee of the Muslim League and of the authors of the alternative constitutional schemes—said to be nine—submitted to the League". These principles, generally associated with what is known as Pakistan Scheme, are now defined as follows: (1) The Muslims of India are a separate nation; (2) As such they are entitled to the right of self-determination a separate national Home; and (3) The Muslims living in the rest of India shall be treated as the nationals of the aforesaid Muslim state and their rights and privileges shall be fully safeguarded. These are too fantastic principles to be considered seriously, except, of course, that the Muslims are entitled to the right of self-determination to determine the safeguards for their special minority interests. Nay, we are certain that a thoroughly representative Muslim conference convened on a wide franchise will summarily repudiate the whole scheme. It should also be noted that India as a whole will refuse in any circumstances to be so vivisected as is suggested above.

A Bengal Lead

We doubt if the Pakistanists themselves are serious about their scheme. In all probability they hope by their tactics to frighten the non-Muslims into precipitately accepting their real demands about which they are at least, earnest, whether or not the demands are practicable. The non-Muslims and thousands of Nationalist Muslims will gladly consider the reasonable demands of the League or demands approved by a thoroughly representative Muslim Conference. But the Congress, which represents the vast bulk of the country, including the Nationalist Muslims, has been prevented from considering these demands by Mr. Jinnah imposing irrelevant and impossible conditions. In this connection it is curious to note that with a view to compose local communal differences Mr. Fazlul Huq, the Premier of Bengal, and Mr. B. C. Chatterjee, Vice-President of the Bengal Hindu Mahasabha, have issued a joint appeal urging a representative conference of the two principal communities. The most significant part of the appeal is as follows: "It is further our considered opinion that the matters whereon the interests of the two communities converge are far more material and fundamental than those on which there are differences between them and the latter will be bound to yield to a sincere effort on our part to compose them to the mutual satisfaction of the Hindus and Muslims of this province." Indeed, one may go further and say with regard to the whole of India that "the matters whereon the interests of the two communities converge are far more material and fundamental than those on which there are differences between them and the latter will be found to yield to sincere effort on our part to compose them." This does not sound like the Muslims of Bengal regarding themselves as part of a separate nation, separate from the rest of India. If the two communities emphasize the material and fundamental matters on which their interests converge, the differences can be easily composed. This can be done best, either in Bengal or the whole of India, by those who, like Congressmen, approach national questions as Indians first and last and not as representatives of this or that religion.

A Grave Situation

A grave industrial situation has arisen in Ahmedabad and the local millowners seem to have been responsible for creating it. As a result of the increase in prices of foodstuffs and other articles of daily use the workers of Ahmedabad as well as of Bombay and other industrial centres demanded a dear food allowance. The demand was a justifiable one and Government referred it for disposal to Mr. Rajadhyksha, District Judge, who was appointed by them as Special Conciliator. Mr. Rajadhyaksha, having heard both parties, asked them to agree to a cash allowance and supply of certain articles in kind at pre-war prices. Though this relief fell short of its expectation, the Textile Labour Association of Ahmedabad decided to accept the recommendation of the Chief Conciliator but the Millowners' Association has rejected it in spite of the offer of the Textile Labour Association to accept a modification in it. The Millowners' Association in its statement regrets that the Textile Labour Association "have failed to appreciate the generous gesture of goodwill made by the millowners in order to help the workers." The Labour Association has given an effective reply by pointing out that the issue is whether the workers "should consent to be ruled by the arbitrary will of the employers or they should stand up for justice based on the findings of an impartial judicial officer of a high rank." Conciliation having failed, the workers have now to make a grave decision whether they should resort to the ultimate weapon of a general strike. From the accounts received, workers consider it a matter of honour for them that they should go on a strike. If they go on a strike, they will have to undergo suffering, but they will have the public on their side. We trust the millowners will, even at this late hour, reconsider their unwise decision to reject the proposal of a high judicial officer and thus avert a general strike the consequence of which will be no less disastrous to the industry than to the workers.

Price Control In India

By DR. M. S. NATARAJAN M.A., Ph. D,

Dr. Gregory in his broadcast speech on the 12th January, 1940 stated:

"Taking 2nd September as equal to 100, then, broadly speaking by the end of the year, the general index of primary commodity prices had risen to 137. Manufactured articles had risen to 142, food and tobacco to 125, and other agricultural commodities to 184, raw materials generally to 130. But the important figures are those of the general index 137, and the raw materials, viz., 130. The impression I wish to have with you is that wholesale prices as a whole to-day are something like one-third higher than they were four months ago, and the producers of certain kinds of raw materials are even getting 180 rupees for every 100 that they were getting before the war broke out."

Those facts are true. But is the rise in prices unjustifiable? It is stated that the producers of primary commodities are now getting something like a third more than what they were getting before the War. That is one picture; now let us look at the other. Such primary producers who are only just trying to come into their own have been penalised all these years by the Depression and the after effects of the Depression

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The index of wholesale prices in this country (taking 1929 as basis) went as low as 62 in 1933 and even in 1938, after the recovery is said to have set in, reached only up to 68. A comparison with other countries shows the poor progress made in India. From table II, we find the index number of cereals (taking 1914 as basis) which stood at 100 in the year 1930 went as low as 66 in 1933 and recovered only upto 86 even in 1939. For nearly 8 years the producers of cereals had suffered a reduction amounting to from a fourth to a third of their income. The same is true more or less of other primary producers also. In the case of producers of certain other primary products such as mustard oil, copra, raw jute, hide and skins, the position was even worse till the very end of 1939. The primary products in certain cases lost as much as 50 per cent. of their pre-Depression income. The recovery which is said to have set in 1935-37, did much less for agriculturists then for the industrialists. All this is borne out by statistics. While for nearly a decade the agriculturists have been simply allowed to lose from fourth to a third of their pre-Depression income, as soon as their produce have risen up by 1/3rd, a hue and cry is set and the Government also seriously attempt to devise ways and means to deprive the agriculturists of whatever benefit they are likely to obtain.

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Price control is made out by interested parties to be in the interests of all sections of the public. Those people who are against rise in prices have trotted out that it is to the interests of the agriculturists themselves to have prices controlled. It has been and would be shown further that it is not in the interests of the agriculturists to have any price control and that it is only the salaried class and those who get a fixed income that lose by rise in prices. While sympathising with the difficulties of the salaried class whose expenses have risen, it may be pointed out that they have not much cause to complain as they have been benefiting almost ever since the end of the last war and particularly since the Depression began to stalk the world. During all these years price of commodities especially agricultural produce, slumped to a great extent while the income of the salaried class either did not show any change or if at all only little for the worse. As they have been reaping quite a good deal of benefit for nearly a decade and as they form only a small part of the total population of the country, they have no reason to claim any special solicitude from the hands of the Government.

The Government of the land which has been quite apathetic to the sorrows and the miseries of the agriculturists for about a decade have no justification now to be hasty or eager to control prices of agricultural products. They had done nothing to the agriculturists, all the intervening years from 1929, to mitigate their sufferings consequent to the fall of prices. They are not now justified in prohibiting rise in prices on the ostensible plea of preventing, "profiteering." It is quite likely that middlemen here and there may corner certain commodities and inflate prices. In that case it is quite true that the consumers would be paying higher prices without benefiting the growers. But the remedy is certainly not difficult to find. Instead of putting a ban on all rise in prices, Government would have to provide measures to pass on the benefit of such rise in prices to the producers.

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In order to enable the Indian cultivators to receive the full benefit of the great increase in demand for their products, the Government of the country should at least now come to their help and promote the Indian export trade. Instead of imposing obstacles in the way of our export trade, they should, with full cooperation of the Provincial Authorities, help the expansion of the overseas market of the Indian primary produce and enrich the cultivator. While not a single section of the country desires that any Indian export should reach the enemy countries, the Government, in the interests of the teeming millions of primary products should so provide and administer the provisions regarding India's export to neutral countries in a manner as not only maintaining intact the normal trade relations but also to expand them. Prof. Ranga suggests that Great Britain should purchase all our cotton as she has done in the case of Egyptian cotton and then consume as much as possible in Lancashire and export the balance to France and to the other reliable neutral countries. He also argues that it is the duty of the Government to obtain for India's cultivators higher prices for their produce than that which prevail in India and that in any case our export price should be at least in a line with the World Parity Prices.

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The conclusion drawn by the Economic Adviser to the Government of India in his Memorandum upon the price control policy are in general of such a nature as to meet with the approval of all right thinking economists and politicians. The third conclusion which he draws in the memorandum is in regard to the export of the produce and therein he mentions that it is not in general desirable to interpose obstacles to a rise in prices subject, however, to the two general qualifications which may develop out of the War situation. One of the qualifications is that if prices of foodstuffs rise to a high level, to the deterioration in the position of these sections of the population who buy agricultural produce and have no direct interest in its sale, then Government intervention is justified in holding up the rise of prices. Although this qualifying clause is very sound in theory, both he and the Government of India (as the press-note few days back suggests) ignore the claims of the vast mass of the agriculturists who constitute no loss than three fourths of the total population of the country. As has already been stated, if the Government thought fit to pursue a policy of laissez-faire for a decade when the agriculturists needed help badly, it does not seem equitable, just or proper that they should now come and tell the agriculturists "thus far and no further."

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The second qualification which the economic Adviser lays down is that if the need so arise, even interests of the cultivators must give way to the paramount interests of the State in the successful prosecution of the War. No one disputes that the successful prosecution of War is of paramount interest to all sections of the country. But

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BRITAIN'S VOTE FOR R. A. F. OFFENSIVE

INTERESTING STATISTICS COLLECTED IN REFERENDUM

LONDON, (By Mail).

A Topic frequently discussed among all sections of the public may be summarised in the question: "Why doesn't the R.A.F. take the offensive more vigorously?"

To test public feeling on this topic the British Institute of Public Opinion included the question:

"Would you like to see the R. A. F. bombing enemy military objectives, even if it means that the Germans would bomb back?"

TOTAL FIGURES.

Results of the analysis of the total answers showed that opinion divided as follows:

"Yes" 52 p.c.
"No" 41 p.c.
"Don't Know" 7 p.c.

POLITICAL.

There was a fairly considerable difference of opinion between Government and Opposition supporters on the question. They divided thus:

Government "Yes" 60 p.c. "No" 33 p.c. "Don't know" 7 p.c.

Opposition "Yes" 48 p.c. "No" 44 p.c. "Don't know" 8 p.c.

Though this is not a political question, the difference can probably be largely accounted for by the fact that those holding pacifistic and anti-war views are usually found on the Left of the political picture.

SEX GROUPS.

There was even greater difference of view between men and women. Women were, in fact, the only group to register a "No" vote higher than the "Yes" vote.

The figures were:

Men "Yes" 62 p.c. "No" 35 p.c. 'Don't know" 3 p.c.

Women "Yes" 41 p.c. "No" 49 p.c. "Don't know" 10 p.c.

The young people seemed slightly more in favour of bombing than either the middle-aged or elderly. Percentage divisions in the three groups were:

Age 21 to 29 "Yes" 59 p.c.; "No" 34 p.c. "Don't know" 7 p.c.

Age 30 to 49 "Yes" 52 p.c. "No" 41 p.c. "Don't know" 7 p.c.

Age 50 and over "Yes" 53 p.c. "No" 40 p.c. "Don't know" 7 p.c.

The higher income group showed a higher "Yes" vote than either medium income group or the lower income group.

Higher "Yes" 57 p.c. "No" 41 p.c. "Don't know" 2 p.c.

Medium "Yes" 52 p.c. "No" 41 p.c. "Don't know" 7 p.c.

Lower "Yes" 52 p.c. "No" 41 p.c. "Don't know" 7 p.c.

COMMENTS.

An interesting background to the opinion figures is given by the comments. Interviewers are instructed to note down any spontaneous comments on the questions made by those being interviewed.

From those who answered "Yes" to the question came a number of comments along lines which indicated that confidence in the ability of the R. A. F. and our civil defences to deal with the German Air Force was the main reason for the reply.

Typical of this sort of comment was the remark of a 31-year-old electrical engineer of Brighten, who said: "I think we are superior in the air and could defend ourselves effectively."

There were also a number of comments from people who answered "Yes" because they thought "it would shorten the war." These were almost always, in the words quoted or a very similar phrase.

Among the comments made by those who answered "No" to the question the most frequently expressed idea might be typified in this remark from a schoolmaster of 34 in Leicester: "Let the Germans make the first move."

A 25-year-old advertising clerk, of King's Norton, perhaps expressed the general feeling of this group more fully when he said: "We should not take the initiative. It is a question of world opinion."

There were quite a number of "No" comments which revealed that humanitarianism was behind the answer. Such remarks as "all bombing should be abolished"; "nothing is achieved by returning evil for evil"; "no bombing of anything or anybody"; bombing is inhuman," were characteristic of this group.

Frankly Speaking

Nippon's Foreign Policy

The Japanese Premier Admiral Yonai's statement on the 'New Order in Asia' can hardly be described as a revelation. "Reuter's" Tokyo messages during the week tumbling each over the other as they do and marked as some of them appear to be by contradiction, give the impression that Japan is sharply reacting to the pressure exerted at several points on her foreign policy. Mr. Arita's statement in the Diet, too, confirms this impression. Before the dust kicked up over "L'affaire Asama Maru" could settle down the British Premier made a gesture in his characteristically best appeasement style. Its echo, it is permissible to hope, will be heard in the tentative dismantlement of the electrification apparatus ordered afresh at Tientsin. That Japanese statesmen and the press should blow hot and cold practically in the same breath is to be expected when the Japanese situation *vis-a-vis* the foreign Powers is taken into careful consideration.

Unjustified Optimism

The major preoccupation, indeed the main centre of attraction and interest, is the Pieping puppet government promoted by Wang Chang-wei. As the Americans themselves realise, the Yangtze and Pearl rivers are opened to the U. S. trade as a 'beau geste.' As the American journalists say, Japan is "bogged" in China. Reports from the various war fronts and Chung-King indicate that China is maintaining her position. Even if other foreign Powers withdraw their direct or indirect moral or material support to Nationalist China, the tremendous manpower that Chiang Kai-shek has mobilised, the fine morale of the Chinese army so ably organised and led, combined with the Soviet help that the Russian traditional policy secures to the Chinese are factors that are far from favourable to Japanese optimism.

Entente Balkan

The feeling has been growing in strength for the need of a powerful bloc of neutral countries of the Balkans and the Danube basin. Even in areas where racial or nationalistic irredentism has been fanned into virulance as in Hungary, the war appears to have created and intensified this feeling. It is felt that although these little States are individually too small and feeble to resist any large scale aggression, and preserve their neutrality they can do it if they form themselves into a *bloc*. It should include not merely signatories to the Pact of Athens, that is to say, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece but also Bulgaria and Hungary. The well-known Hungarian statesman, Stefan Friedrich, has formulated these ideas of "an intellectual and economic collaboration that would always contribute to the establishment of the most favourable atmosphere that concerns this policy"—to quote his words. Another remarkable statement comes from Andrie Zsilinsky Bajesi, president of the National Radical Magyar Party. The suggestion has also been made in various (and in some instances not too reliable) quarters that the succession states of the late Hapsburg monarchy should form an axis, and even the revival of that monarchy is being canvassed.

Baroda Reforms

The reforms in Baroda, if introduced a decade or two ago, would have fairly satisfied the people. To-day they utterly fail to enthuse anybody. Indeed, they will be regarded as utterly disappointing, considering that Baroda has had a legislature these thirty years and that the State has a much higher percentage of literacy than any Indian province. The reformed legislature will doubtless be enlarged and have an elected majority. But that avails little when it has no real power and continues to be practically an advisory body. The Executive is not responsible to it. Only one member of the Executive Council will be a non-official member of the legislature, but he may be a nominated member, and he is in no sense responsible to the legislature. We, however, do not suggest that the people should boycott the reforms. They should rather utilise them to strengthen their agitation for complete responsible government.

Deplorable

It is a pity that at a time when strenuous attempts are being made to universalise primary education even by making it compulsory, the Jalgaon District Board has found it necessary to close at one stroke one hundred primary schools in the district and to dispense with the services of 570 teachers. The Board's reason for this sudden, drastic step is that it has failed to receive from Government adequate grant. In the absence of fuller particulars we cannot say who is to blame. We earnestly hope the children affected will be absorbed by other Board schools and where this is not possible private schools will be started to tide over what may be a temporary crisis. It will be a serious matter indeed, if the position confronting the Jalgaon Board should confront several other Boards too.

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WITHOUT COMMENT.

TOKYO, FEB. 2.

A SIX YEAR ARMY AND NAVY REARMAMENT PLAN, ENTAILING EXPENDITURE OF ABOUT 585 MILLION STERLING IS ANNOUNCED BY THE WAR OFFICE AND NAVY OFFICE.

THEY STATED THAT THE PLAN WAS NECESSARY FOR THE "ACHIEVEMENT OF JAPAN'S GOAL IN CHINA AS WELL AS TO COPE WITH FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMPLICATED INTERNATIONAL SITUATION."—REUTER.

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ECLIPSE STAKES SPECIAL
To-day's Best Bet: DON'T.

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Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador to the Soviet, is said to be returning soon to Moscow.

But will the seeds sprout forth this time?

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Bagpipes appeal to a Pathan in the same manner as to a Scotch. This characteristic was brought to light on the "Independence Day", when more bagpipes played and more drums trummed than ever before. Even small processions were headed by Pipers and drummers.

But there is no truth in the report that the Pathans are exchanging their bags for kilts.

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M. L. A. SPIRITED AWAY.
—Headline.

A warrant is said to be pending against Johnny Walker for this alleged outrage.

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Nine alternative constitutional schemes were considered yesterday by the Foreign Committee of the All-India Muslim League.

So the cat (o'nine tails) is out of the bag.

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We thank His Excellency the Viceroy for anticipating our request and granting an interview to Mr. M. A. Jinnah on February 6. Otherwise we would have been gravely concerned about the political situation in the country.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS.
(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague.)

(1) THE MUSLIM LEAGUE DEMANDS ANOTHER 'BALFOUR DECLARATION' FOR THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL HOME FOR MUSLIMS IN PALESTINE.

(2) MORE WHITE ELEPHANTS WILL SHORTLY BE SEEN STAMPEDING AT THE CRICKET CLUB TURF.

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Nazi spies are said to be active in Bombay city.

Indian Film producers, where are you?

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Where does Italy stand?
—Headline.

Under the Duce's heel, of course?

The Congress, avers Deshgaurab Subhas Chandra Bose again, is sitting on the fence.

But the iron seems to have entered *his* soul.

One day Pat met the priest in the street. 'Father,' said Pat, 'what is the cause of lumbago?'

The priest, thinking it an excellent opportunity to bring his charge to serious thinking, replied. 'Why, it is caused by keeping too late hours, drinking too often, and carousing too much. If you had listened to my teachings you would not be in this dreadful condition.'

'Sure! 'Tain't me what't got it,' returned Pat. 'I was only awondering what caused it. I saw in the paper that the Bishop was suffering from lumbago.'

Russian Troops Use Surprise Weapon

VIBORG, Feb. 2.

The largest Russian Offensive made for many weeks on the Karelian Isthmus is now in progress and fighting proceeded through out the night.

The Russians are using a new surprise weapon—lightarmed sledges which are pushed in front of the tanks and are occupied by machinegun crews. The object is to penetrate with this weapon as far as possible into the Finnish lines.

The attacks began in the Summa sector at dawn yesterday with a tremendous six-hour artillery bombardment after which a fleet of tanks appeared preceded by the armed sledges. Many heavy tanks took the centre of the field while light tanks at the flanks emitted smokescreens and simultaneously 130 planes dropped a hail of bombs on the Finnish lines and fighters swooped down machinegunning the lines. This is the largest airforce yet used in any Russian attack.

Fierce hand-to-hand fighting took place at times with rifles and hand grenades.

On the Ladoga front, fighting is still in progress consisting of a series of pitched battles between ski patrols.

A communique referring to yesterday's activities says that there was heavy artillery action on the Karelian Isthmus.

"During the day, the enemy dropped a number of parachute patrols many of whom were taken prisoner and others were killed."

The communique details the air raids in south southwest and north Finland and says that one civilian was killed and a few others were wounded. It is claimed that five Soviet planes were brought down.

FINNS CAPTURE SOVIET FIELD GUN AND RIFLES.

Unofficial reports from the Central Finnish Front record local successes which may be expected to contribute to final victory. In one sector the Finns captured a field gun and 150 automatic rifles.

Crack Soviet ski battalions which clashed with the Finns in a major engagement for the first time yesterday have suffered further reverses and are threatened with complete dispersal having lost 200 killed, many wounded and a considerable number taken prisoners.

RUSSIAN ATTACK REPULSED.

The Russians launched another intense attack on Kivivaara in the Lieska sector. Although supported by artillery and tanks it is claimed the attackers were repulsed with considerable losses.—Reuter.

FINLAND READY FOR PEACE TALKS

HELSINKI, Feb. 1.

A declaration that Finland is ready for an honourable peace was made by President Kallio speaking in the Finnish Parliament to-day.

He said that the aggressor had "shamelessly exposed his imperialistic designs and has shown that he wants to destroy us."

He claimed that the Soviet had lost several of their best divisions and the Finnish troops had already thrown back a part of the enemy forces beyond the Eastern Frontier.

SENSELESS AGGRESSION.

He added, "The Soviets are forcing us to fight men who have no responsibility for the war and we have no reason to hate. That is why we consider this aggression senseless and are ready to negotiate an honourable peace.

FINNS' GREATNESS.

But the Russian authorities know little of the Finnish people if they think we are capable of submitting to their dictates."

He concluded that the Finnish people had shown its greatness before the whole world by its moral force and the spirit of sacrifice with which it was defending its rights and preventing Bolshevism from extending to the West.—Reuter.

Estonian Authorities Confirm Previous Reports

HELSINKI, Feb. 1.

According to reports from Tallinn, Estonian authorities have admitted for the first time that foreign aircraft from an unnamed country have repeatedly bombed the Soviet air bases in Estonia in the last few weeks.

The last occasion was January 28, when Baltiski was heavily bombed and flames were visible many miles.

The first raid on this base was a complete surprise for Prussians and many 'planes and hangars were destroyed. Almost all the Soviet air bases in Estonia have been raided.

The Commander of Baltiski base was long ago recalled to Leningrad and he has never returned.

Many officers at other Soviet bases in Estonia have also failed to return after being recalled. They are thought to have been shot.—Reuter.

'RED' RAID ON FINNISH TOWNS

HELSINKI, February 2.

Kemi, an important timber shipping town in the Gulf of Bothnia, has been subjected to an extensive air-raid. Telephone exchanges were hit and telephone lines cut making communication almost impossible.

Rovaniemi, where the Finnish Northern Headquarters are situated, was also considerably damaged by an air-raid. The town has now been evacuated except for persons conducting essential services.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWS CORDELL HULL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Umansky, had a half hour interview with Mr. Cordell Hull last evening.

It is reported that he complained about the United States' "moral embargo" on aeroplane shipments to Russia and the recent speech of the Assistant Secretary for War, Mr. Johnson, who referred to Soviet troops as "serfs." He is also said to have touched on the general Soviet-America relations which have deteriorated rapidly since the invasion of Finland.

Officials believe M. Umansky could have received little consolation over the embargo, which, if anything, the administration may make more effective. The prospect of including aviation petrol have been under discussion for some time.—Reuter.

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha leaving his home in Stafford place for the War Office to bid goodbye to his staff, the day after his resignation.

U. S. & Br. Planes In Finland

LONDON, Feb. 2.

The morning's papers reveal that a number of British as well as American aeroplanes have arrived in Finland and many have already been in action.

British planes are mostly Gloster Gladiators as fighters and Bristol Blenheims as bombers. It is claimed that they have already established individual superiority over Soviet planes.

The American planes are stated to be Curtiss pursuit planes. The Finns though heavily outnumbered in the air are beginning to challenge Soviet air supremacy according to the morning papers.

AMERICAN 'PLANES FOR SWEDEN

WASHINGTON, February 2.

Sweden has completed arrangements to purchase 50 fighters and 'planes in America, which according to the "New York Times" are reported to be destined for Finland. It is stated that they will be delivered relatively quickly.—Reuter.

U. S. PROPOSAL FOR MILITARY LOAN TO FINLAND

WASHINGTON, February 2.

The members of the State Department are reported to be of the opinion that a military loan to Finland would not violate international law, and it is therefore considered probable that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will vote a proposed increase in the capital of the Export and Import Bank of 100 million dollars to enable such a loan to be made.—Reuter.

THREE WAY TRADING ARRANGEMENT.

The "New York Times" adds that a threeway trading arrangement has been worked out by which Sweden would take raw materials which Finland could obtain from her credits with export and import bank here.

NEW ZEALAND'S QUOTA.

WELLINGTON, Feb. 2.

The Government have decided to contribute five thousand New Zealand pounds towards the cost of Red Cross work in Finland.—Reuter.

WESTERN FRONT

ARTILLERY FLARE-UP IN RHINE SECTOR

Exchange Of Machinegun Fire From Opposite Banks

PARIS, Feb. 2.

The Rhine sector on the Western Front which for months has been the quietest sector of the line awakened into activity recently and has been the main centre of operations in the past 24 hours.

Casemates on both sides of the river have been busy exchanging bursts of machine-gun fire across the grey waters. There has been some artillery activity but machine-gun fire provided the major share of the flare up and lasted for a very long time.—Reuter.

ALDOUS HUXLEY FOR INDIA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 2.

Mr. Aldous Huxley is expected to visit India shortly.

He was invited by the Calcutta University to deliver lectures in December last, but he could not come to India then.—United Press.

Hollywood To Help India

Mrs. Roosevelt To Preside Over Youth Congress Of America

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 2.

The Foreign Department of the All-India Congress Committee has received a communication from Hollywood about a meeting held there to support the cause of the Indian struggle for freedom.

The Youth Congress of America has requested Pandit Jawaharlal Nerhu to send his message for the forthcoming session of the Congress to be held under the presidentship of Mrs. Roosevelt at Washington.—United Press.

WAR ALLOWANCE FOR WORKERS

Jamnadas Mehta's Talks With Russell

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2.

A communique states: informal meeting took place between Sir Guthrie Russell, the Chief Commissioner of Railways, and the Railway Board; and Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, President of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation and Mr. S. Guruswami, the General Secretary, in Delhi on the morning of February the 2nd, 1940.

At this meeting, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta explained the views of the Federation in regard to the condition or Railway labour owing the recent increases in prices since the outbreak of war.—A.P.

CAROLE LOMBARD

CLARK GABLE AND CAROLE LOMBARD MISSING

SAD DIEGO, (California). Feb. 2.

The film star Clark Gable and his Wife Carole Lombard are reported to be missing in a desolate country in lower California.

They left their ranch yesterday at 8 a.m. for Gun Club 15 miles away in a station car and have not been heard of since.

A heavy rainstorm is raging.—Reuter.

Metro-Goldwyns Not Anxious At All

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 2.

Officials of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios are said not to be concerned about Clark Gable. It is pointed out that it is Gables' habit unexpectedly to visit ranch houses on hunting trips. The car in which the couple were travelling was equipped for camping for a three-weeks' holiday.—Reuter.

MAHATMA'S REPLY TO CHIANG'S INVITATION

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 2.

Mahatma Gandhi, who has been invited by Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek to visit China, has replied thanking the former for the invitation and stating:

"If I could accept it, I would be but fulfilling a long cherished wish. But my present mission forbids my responding to your invitation."—United Press.

Sir Alfred Watson Weds

LONDON, Feb. 1.

Sir Alfred Watson married Mrs. Rosebud Ada Gros at Kensington Register Office to-day.—Reuter.

Russia To Participate In Koenigsberg Fair

LONDON, Feb. 2.

The German wireless announced that Russia had decided to participate on a grand scale in the forthcoming Koenigsberg fair.

The announcer said that by August when the fair was scheduled to open German-Russian trade would have attained the level fixed in the negotiation now successfully proceeding in Moscow. He added that Russo-German trade relations were already largely extended.—Reuter.

MUSLIM CHAMBER'S PROTEST

CALCUTTA, Jan. 31

The Secretary of the Muslim Chamber of Commerce has sent a telegram to the Finance Member to the Government of India stating that the proposed levy of tax on excess profits will discourage and retard the growth of new industries and will be ruinous to old ones.—United Press.

"West Is More In Need Of Missionaries"

(From Our Correspondent)

MUTTRA, (By Mail).

Dr. J. Smith, the famous American missionary, who had repudiated the pledge, which American missionaries have to sign, and was consequently ordered to go back to America, on the eve of his departure, stated at local meeting how he came in contact with the Indian nationalists and was inspired by their burning hearts and spirit of sacrifice, and as an American how it was natural for him to sympathise with their aspirations.

Tracing the history of the Kristagraha movement and the two manifestoes and criticizing the policy of the British Government of declaring India at War against the will of her people, Dr. Smith said that the only way to world peace was to make India free.

He stated that West was more in need of missionaries than India. He hoped to return to a free India soon.

THE TRAVANCORE UNION

A special general body meeting of the Travancore Union, Bombay, will be held at Narayan Vihar, Poona Wadi, Dadar, to-morrow (Sunday) at 2-30 p.m. to consider proposed changes to be made in the present bye-laws.

Union Govt.'s War Policy

Senate Rejects Opposition Amendment

CAPETOWN, February 1.

The Senate to-day approved by 21 votes to 13 the Government motion confirming its war policy, and rejected by the same figures of voting an amendment introduced by Mr. Fowi, a former ex-Minister in General Hertzog's Government, that peace with Germany should be restored.—Reuter.

KING QUITE WELL AGAIN

Capt. Woodhouse Of 'Ajax' Honoured

LONDON, Feb. 2.

It is officially stated at the Buckingham Palace that the King has almost entirely recovered from his slight cold and is able to carry out his normal official duties at the Palace.

The King received a number of visitors, the first of whom was Sir John Reith. Later the King invested Capt. C. H. L. Woodhouse who commanded the "Ajax" at the "Graf Spee" battle with the Companionship of the Bath.—Reuter.

"Without Bombast Or Exaggeration"

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 1.

"Calm and self-confident without bombast or exaggeration" is the description applied to Mr. Chamberlain's speech by the London correspondent of the "Telegraaf" who adds that the speech contains appreciative insight which should be welcomed outside belligerent countries.—Reuter.

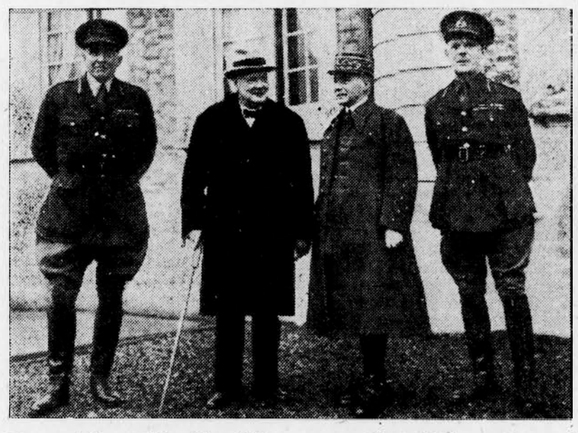
"Blue Book" On 'Graf Spee' Repairs

MONTE VIDEO, Feb. 1.

An official "Blue Book" on the battle of Puntadeleste reveals that the Uruguayan technical commission of inquiry came to the conclusion that essential repairs to the "Graf Spee" would have been effected within three days.

The damage suffered could not be considered as affecting the battleship's navigability.

The captain himself had declared that the engines were undamaged. Apart from holes in the hull, the damage was largely confined to the bakery, kitchens, washrooms, water-softening apparatus and fire-fighting appliances.—Reuter.



General Ironside, Mr. Winston Churchill, General Gamelin and Lord Gort snapped before the decoration ceremony by the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces.

Japan's 6-Year Armament Plan

585 Million Sterling For Army And Navy Sanctioned

TOKYO, Feb. 2.

A six-year Army and Navy rearmament plan, entailing expenditure of about 585 million sterling is announced by the War Office and Navy Office.

They stated that the plan was necessary for the "achievement of Japan's goal in China as well as to cope with future developments in the complicated international situation."—Reuter.

Late Sir Gilbert Morgan

LONDON, Feb. 2.

The death has occurred of Sir Gilbert Morgan.—Reuter.

(An ex-President of the Society of Chemical Industry Sir Gilbert published several memoirs in various branches of Chemistry.)

Labour Motion Rejected By Huge Majority

Commons Turn Down Opposition Proposal For Appointment Of New Minister In War Cabinet

LONDON, Feb. 1.

The House of Commons rejected by 185 votes to 90 a Labour motion that the War Cabinet should contain a Minister specially charged with economic organisation.

The House adopted an amendment recognising the value of the arrangements in force for the co-ordination of the economic effort and noting with satisfaction the improvement in the export trade.

MACHINERY FOR DIRECTION OF WAR

The machinery established for the supreme direction of the war was outlined by Mr. Chamberlain in a written reply to a question in the House of Commons.

He stated that the Ministerial Committee on military co-ordination which was established by the War Cabinet on October 1939, consisted of Lord Chatfield (Chairman). Mr. Churchill, Mr. Oliver Stanley and Sir Kingsley-wood with the three Chiefs of Staff as advisers.

Its terms of reference were "to keep under constant review on behalf of the War Cabinet the main factors of the strategical situation and the progress of operations and make recommendations to the War Cabinet with regard to the general conduct of the war." The three Chiefs of Staff composed a committee with terms of reference "to advise the War Cabinet on any matter affecting or affected by military aspect of the conduct of the war and investigate and consider in common all matters referred to the Committee by the War Cabinet."

The Chiefs of Staff Committee was served by a joint planning and joint intelligence staffs which was in continuous session.

Mr. Chamberlain also referred to committees dealing with home policy, civil defence, economic policy and priority of questions.

REFUGEES VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO BRITAIN

Sir John Anderson replying to a question said that although since September 1, 1939, 1,200 refugees had been emigrated from Great Britain and arrangements had been made to send further parties in the next three months. Large-scale plans for new settlements contemplated when the refugees were admitted in the country had been put aside for the present. It was desirable that during a war use was made of services of those refugees willing to assist the country's war effort.

Many had volunteered war service and suitable applicants had been accepted. Others had special technical experience and skill which could usefully be employed in our production programme. Still a substantial number were maintained by voluntary organisations which had expended five million sterling since 1933 but which in the war conditions now were unable to meet the whole charge.

Government had decided to supplement the voluntary effort by grants up to half the amount the organisations expended subject to a maximum average of monthly payment of twenty-seven thousand sterling.—Reuter.

Maharashtra Congress To Meet On Feb. 15

POONA, Feb. 2.

The annual general meeting of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee will be held on Feb. 15, at 2-30 p.m. at the Congress House for the election of office-bearers of the M.P.C.C. for the ensuing year.

The meeting will also record votes for the election of the Congress President and members of the A.I.C.C.—A.P.

PATNA:—Work in connection with the Dehri-Sasaram electrification and lift irrigation scheme of the Government of Bihar is in progress and is expected to be completed by May next.

"Columbus'" Crew's Plan For Reaching Germany

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.

The arrival here of a launch from Angel Island with 30 seamen from the scuttled German liner "Columbus" lends colour to current rumours that there was a plan to divide the crew of 500 into small units and scatter them along the coast, and quietly put them aboard Japanese ships. The seamen themselves state they were willing to undertake the hazardous voyage home.

U. S. ATTITUDE.

An immigration official declared it would be violation of United States' neutrality to disclose information regarding the departure of the Germans. He added: "We would just as soon know nothing about it when they leave."—Reuter.

WAR PROFITS FOR U. S. AND JAPAN

Tremendous Increase In Export Trade With India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2.

The tremendous increase in United States exports to India during the last three months is apparent from the latest trade figures.

With German exports cut off, the United States from the third largest foreign exporting country to India in December 1938 has risen to the largest in December 1939, exceeding even Japan which in December 1938 was the largest foreign exporter to India followed closely by Germany.

During October 1939, the United States exports to India were valued at Rs. 48,94,007. In November, they rose to Rs. 1,11,78,568, while in December they increased still further to Rs. 2,09,96,815. The extent of this increase is further apparent from the figures for 1938. These show that United States exports to India in October of that year were Rs. 71,72,138, in November Rs. 64,32,832, and in December Rs. 97,42,620.

Japanese exports to India are also substantially higher than last year though the increase does not approach that of the United States. In December 1939, Japanese exports were valued at Rs. 1,80,53,186 against Rs. 1,50,21,050 in December of the previous year.—A. P.

POLICE SUB-INSPECTOR'S QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOUR

Gadag Bar Association's Complaint

The Hon. Secretary, Bar Association Gadag, writes:—

An extraordinary emergency general meeting of the Bar Association, Gadag, was held in the Bar Room on January 30, to consider a petition jointly submitted by two members of the Association.

While the petitioners were engaged in a criminal case in the Court of the Second Class Magistrate at Navalgund in the Dharwar District, the Police Sub-Inspector of Navalgund, who had been in charge of the investigation of the case, had, it is said, threatened them while leaving the Court. It is said, that they could not get any conveyance to take them home to Annigeri owing to the Sub-Inspector's suspected intimidation of bus-drivers and ghariwallas. They had to walk all the distance from Navalgund to Annigeri.

The Bar Association has forwarded copies of the petition to the authorities concerned with a request to inquire into the matter and take necessary action.

CHARGES OF NEPOTISM HIGHLY EXAGGERATED

Govt. Committee Report On Local Bodies' Administration

FAVOURS JOINT ELECTORATES WITH RESERVATION OF SEATS

IMPROVED FINANCE AND A HIGHER STANDARD OF ADMINISTRATION, PROBLEMS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO LOCAL BODIES, DOMINATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOMBAY LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, WHOSE REPORT HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED.

THE REPORT IS UNDER THE CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENT AND THE NECESSARY ORDERS ON EACH OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE ISSUED IN DUE COURSE.

The Committee was appointed by the Government of Bombay in August 1938, to report on matters relating to local bodies in the mofussil. Professor V. G. Kale was chairman; Rao Saheb D. N. Nagarkatti, Messrs. P. R. Chikodi, S. S. More, S. M. Hasan, Vasant N. Naik, Dinkerrao Narbheram Desai and Dr. Champaklal J. Ghia, members; and Mr. C. D. Barfivala, secretary.

"The time has now arrived to introduce adult franchise in the election of local bodies, rural as well as urban," observes the Committee. "It has been estimated that at present about 21 per cent. of the population in Municipal and 9 per cent. in the local board areas enjoy the right of voting. It is further estimated that on the basis of adult suffrage 50 per cent. of this population will be enfranchised.

In the Municipal areas there is little difficulty in introducing adult suffrage. In the case of local board areas, the difficulties are, however, more apparent than real.

VILLAGE PANCHAYATS

Village Panchayats will be compulsorily established in all villages with a population of 2,000 and over. Many Panchayats will be established in the areas where the population is below 2,000. Adult franchise has been practically provided for in the Panchayat Act. There will, therefore, be no difficulty in the preparation of the rolls in all important parts of the rural districts. In non-panchayat areas, the village officers, with such extra assistance as may be needed, ought to be able to prepare electoral rolls and otherwise help in conducting elections.

The Committee also lays down certain minimum qualifications for members and office-bearers of local bodies and adds that cumulative voting tends to emphasise, widen and perpetuate communal and sectional differences, which distributive voting would help to prevent. The distribution of votes should be made compulsory so that every voter will take interest in the merits of all candidates and select such of them as he wants. The Committee does not, however, advocate compulsory voting, but is in favour of extending the life of boards from three to five years. It does not recommend any increase in the strength of local bodies even with the adoption of adult franchise. It is decidedly in favour of joint electorates with reservation of seats for Muslims, Harijans and women. With the introduction of adult franchise, reservations will not be found necessary.

TAXATION.

Examining the possibility of further exploiting the resources of local bodies, the Committee expresses the opinion that the scope for raising the rate of house tax is considerable in many municipalities. Since the terminal tax has been allowed to be levied temporarily until provision is made to the contrary by the Central Legislature, local bodies should substitute octroi duties for terminal taxes. The Committee recommends that an educational tax should be levied by all municipalities and should be tacked on the property tax on the annual letting value or capital value as the case may be. In the case of local boards such a cess being impracticable, the Committee suggests an increase in the local fund cess of which 10 pies in the rupee should be set apart for primary education.

PROFESSION TAX

The Committee considers that a profession tax is a suitable source of more for the local boards. Non-agricultural classes in rural areas who enjoy the benefit of all services rendered by local boards must pay their share of expenses of local administration. The Committee points out that the sources of municipal revenues can be increased by a tax on the transfer of immovable properties; by an assignment of a share of non-agricultural assessment on building plots within municipal limits; by taxes on marriages, adoptions and feasts; by an assignment of the entertainment tax and of 50 per cent of the revenue derived from a sur-charge on electricity. The Committee also suggests an equitable distribution of the petrol tax among local bodies, especially since the P.W.D. roads can be transferred to their charge.

Not Much Nepotism

All executive work should be concentrated in one committee to be styled the 'Standing Committee.'

As regards nepotism the report says:—

"Our enquiries have led us to the conclusion that the complaints about nepotism and favouritism are considerably exaggerated and that there is no justification for the proposition that these evils are a predominant feature of the administration of local bodies. We are of opinion that wherever shortcomings may be found, they should be immediately removed. The remedy, however, lies not in putting greater official fetters on the working of local bodies or in reducing their powers and vesting them in a staff which is directly responsible to the Provincial Government either wholly or partly. This method would drive the evils underground and conceal them from the public gaze."

An effective remedy lies in publicity and in civic education of rate payers and prospective councillors.

There should be no control over appointments except in cases where local bodies receive grants from Government in respect of particular posts or in cases where Government holds that persons appointed are incompetent.

SERVICES

There is need for prescribing minimum qualifications required for various posts as well as for safeguarding due representation of various classes and communities in the services of local bodies.

The Committee has made a number of proposals in regard to epidemics, slum clearance, museums, and libraries. It considers it desirable to make it a compulsory duty of all municipalities to provide housing facilities for their Harijan employees. Legal provisions in regard to houses unfit for habitation are inadequate and require to be strengthened. Museums should be encouraged and if necessary a museum act should be passed providing for their creation and maintenance by local bodies. Municipalities should also try to run public libraries or at least literally assist the existing ones.

Satyagraha In New Zealand

Pacifists Preach Through Public Street Meetings

Through following a bold policy of taking their message to the public through street meetings, New Zealand pacifists have come into conflict with the police.

In one instance the Acting Prime Minister intervened, and though he said he would not allow charges of sedition to be brought against them, wished they would not hold street meetings.

On the day on which war was declared several pacifists addressed a crowd outside the New Zealand Parliament. Three of them (the Rev. C. E. Burton, Chairman of the Christian Pacifist Society; Neil Trail, of the CPS and the New Zealand Peace Pledge Union; and Michael Young, Secretary of the PPU) were arrested and charged with "obstructing the police." They had refused to stop addressing the crowd.

They refused to accept bail and were remanded for two days; they also refused to give an undertaking not to continue their activities before their appearance in court.

After being in the police cells for a while they were sent out of town. Then came an order for their return, when they found the Acting Prime Minister waiting for them. He is an old friend of Mr. Young, and also knows Mr. Burton; with other Cabinet Ministers, he was imprisoned during the last war.

He asked the pacifists to allow him to stand bail for them, to which they agreed. He also made the remarks quoted above.

When they afterwards appeared in court they were convicted and ordered to come up for sentence within twelve months if called upon. The magistrate wished to acquit them in return for an undertaking not to engage in further activities, but they refused to give this undertaking.

A few days later Mr. Burton was again arrested when addressing an open-air meeting. Though there was no real evidence to prove the charge of "obstructing the police," he was fined £10. He refused to pay, and the fine was eventually paid by a military friend.

Undaunted, both the New Zealand PPU and the Christian Pacifist Society have since then carried on weekly street meetings and on two occasions the police have broken them up.

Audiences have been large and sympathetic, the only hostility being that shown to interjections and to the police.

The pacifists have made a practice of advising the police and other authorities affected of their intentions.

They have not, however, been able to secure permits for their meetings from the City Council of Wellington, and challenged their authority to issue permits after the police had closed one meeting. When Mr. Young wrote to the Commissioner about this action of the police, he was told that no record could be found of the meeting in question having been interfered with.

Another result of pacifist activity has been that several Methodist ministers have received six months' notice, and a prominent member of the New Zealand PPU has been told that if he is in further trouble with the authorities he will lose his job.

GWALIOR, Jan. 28.

Sowing of wheat commenced as usual in the later half of October and was said to be in time. The seeds have been germinating well and growth of plants satisfactory. Draught in winter rains and want of sufficient moisture have slightly damaged the standing wheat crop in the districts of Mandsaur, Goona, Neemuch, Shivpuri, and Basoda. The estimated area under cultivation comes to be 6 per cent less than that of the last year.

FOREIGNERS ARRESTED UNDER DEFENCE RULES

Alleged Communication With Germany

BOMBAY, Friday.

Seven Europeans, including three ladies, two Germans and one Swiss—were taken into custody by the police this morning, following their investigations regarding their seizure of certain letters on November 2.

The names of the arrested persons are:—

Renato Cantafora (Italian),
Prof. Oddone Savine (Italian),
Hugo Hindermann (Swiss),
Guiseppe Perez (Italian),
Mrs. (Frau) Therse Urcho (German),
Mrs. Gertrude Stein (German, and
Miss Hildegarde von Bremer alias Mrs. Hildegard Versteep (Dutch).

The accused were placed this morning before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, who enlarged them on a bail of Rs. 100 each. The accused were directed to report themselves to the police every day.

The arrested persons stand charged under the Defence of India Rules with delivering letters for transmission by an indirect route and in a manner calculated to evade examination by the censor.

The police, in applying for a remand of the accused to custody stated that on the receipt of information that certain Italian steamers were being utilised for illegally transmitting communications to Germany and other Europeans countries with a view to evade examination by the censor, they made arrangements with the Customs authorities to have a watch kept on the Italian boats.

As a result of the watch 23 letters, of which seven were addressed to Germany were seized on November 2, from the first accused, who is Lloyd Triestino's Assistant, in charge of the Passage Department.

The accused, the police alleged was arrested in the act of delivering these letters to an officer of the M V "Victoria"

Since then the police have been instituting inquiries regarding the persons, who sent these letters. It is said that the police had to be on the track of nearly 17 persons in connection with the same. All except the arrested persons are supposed to have left India. Accused No 2 to 7 are alleged to have sent some of the seized letters.

The accused were arrested at their residences in the city. They have been under police observation since the letters were seized.

The second accused is a professor of music while the third accused is employed in a tyre company. The 4th accused is employed as an assistant in a city firm.

Concentration Camp Rules

Nazi Code Smuggled Out By Escaped Prisoner

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, (By Mail).

Here, published for the first time, is a list of rules of a Nazi concentration camp. They were brought out of Germany by a prisoner who escaped from the Esterweget camp.

1. Every new arrival will have his head completely shaved:
2. Prisoners must stand to attention when an S.S. man (Nazi black guard) speaks to them;
3. Whoever tries to open a window, to throw stones over the camp wall, or to leave barracks, will be shot;
4. Any one who groans or protests while at work or on the march, or who neglects to salute his superiors, will be considered to have taken part in a mutiny:
5. Whoever takes off his coat when on fatigue duty, or refuses to work or pretends to be ill or shows signs of laziness, will be dealt with as an incurable.
6. When the sirens go prisoners must go back to their quarters at the double, and shut doors and windows. Any one disobeying will be shot.
7. When a superior officer visits their gallery the leader of a file of prisoners must draw the attention of the other prisoners by giving a shout: "Attention!";
8. Any one found guilty of pretending to be ill will be sentenced to hard labour,
9. Any one who writes in a letter views about the Nazi State or about his warders will be considered beyond cure and liable to disciplinary action;
10. Before S.S. chiefs, from the group commander upwards, prisoners will turn "eyes right" and lift their caps off their heads;
11. Whoever leaves the place where he is supposed to be without permission, or puts on civilian clothing, will be held guilty of an attempt to escape;
12. Whoever goes without authority into what is called the neutral zone round the camp will be shot.

Postman Attacked By Dacoits

Reward For Saving Delivery Bag

For saving his delivery bag when attacked by dacoits, a village postman of Kishanpur (Fatehpur) has been granted a monetary reward, according to a circular issued by the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs Department.

A Taskwork messenger of the Agra Telegraph Office has been rewarded for showing devotion to duty during the heavy rains which flooded many localities in the city of Agra on the evening of September 15, and an officiating village postman of Ramgarh, in the Bihar Province, has been rewarded for saving the life of drowning man.

One official has been granted a commendation certificate and a cash reward by the Excise authorities, Mayavaram, for detecting a parcel containing contraband goods, and three others have been awarded either cash or commendation certificates by the police authorities for assisting in investigations into criminal cases.

During October and November last rewards of sums varying from Rs. 5 to Rs. 15 were awarded to 13 Postal officials for the intelligent detection of the fradulent use of previously used postage stamps which led to the conviction of the offenders.

"National Scout Week" At Dharwar

(From Our Correspondent.)

DHARWAR, (By Mail.)

The closing ceremony of the "National Scout Week" at Dharwar took place on Sunday last at the District Scout Headquarters under the presidentship of Mr. G. H. Guggali District Judge of Dharwar, Sjt. Mudaveedu Krishnarao addressed the scouts. Nearly 600 scouts, scouters and girl-scouts took part in the March-past and other physical demonstrations.

The Investiture ceremony of 35 scouters and 14 lady scouters who had undergone scoutmasters' training during the week, also took place on the same occasion.

LECTURE HALL IN GOLCONDA FORT

Opening Ceremony Performed

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Jan. 28. (By Mail).

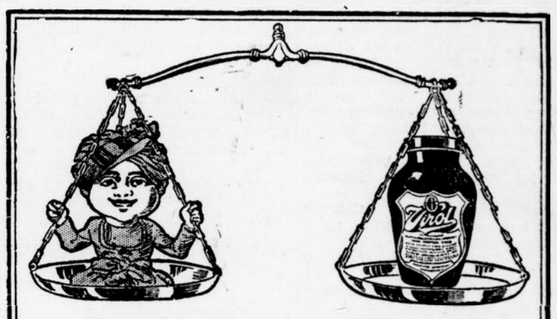
Prince and Princess of Berar performed the opening ceremony of the Mukarram Jah Lecture Hall in the Golconda Fort this afternoon.

Lieut.-Col. Nazirul-Islam Khan, Commanding Officer, 4th Bn. Golconda Infantry presenting an address to the Prince welcomed Their Highnesses and said that the new lecture hall was only a remodelling of some portion of the old Kutub Sahi Treasury, built in the 16th century and was a part of an effort to restore the ruined glories of Golconda.

His Highness in reply said that he was pleased to perform the opening ceremony of the Lecture Hall, which supplied a long-felt want, and was bound to be appreciated by the officers and men of the unit.

Proceeding His Highness said that great attention was paid in these times in all Regular Armies to the well-being of the soldier, both on and off the parade-ground.

He hoped that the lecture hall would have a healthy influence on the outlook of all those who would come in contact with each other at the meetings held there and the atmosphere created by these meetings could not but advance the interest of general efficiency.—A. P.



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Selections For To-day's Races

STEEL HELMET LIKELY WINNER OF BLUE RIBAND

BY "SENEX"

The Eclipse Stakes of India has attracted a high class field this year and a great race is in prospect. STEEL HELMET showed us he could stay a distance of ground and I have decided to make the Kashmir horse the best to stand.

2-0 P.M. The Mitlak Stakes, 1 Mile, 1 Furlong.
STAR OF BARODA 1
KING'S WINE 2
WELFARE 3

2-30 P.M. The Gough Memorial Plate 1-1|4 Miles.
ORIENT 1
ZAIN UL MULUK 2
MITHQAL 3

3-0 P.M. The Broome Plate 6 Furlongs.
GANYMEDE 1
CANTICLE 2
TERRACE 3

3-30 P.M. The Jammu Cup 6 Furlongs.
MAHBOOB 1
FEACE TREATY 2
RISING SUN 3

4-0 P.M. The Cambridgeshire Stakes, Div. I 1 Mile. 1 Furlong.
LET SLIP 1
VANDYKE 2
HOUDINI 3

4-30 P.M. The Willingdon Plate 1 Mile.
COEUR DE LION 1
CERTUS DIVITAE 2
TERROR 3

5-0 P.M. The Eclipse Stakes of India 1-1|4 Miles.
STEEL HELMET , 1
DOMINIC 2
PHAKOS 3

5-30 P.M. The Cambridgeshire Stakes Div. II 1 Mile. 1 Furlong.
NIGHT ALARM 1
CHANAK 2
SMARA 3

6-0 P.M. The Gaye Plate 1 mile.
SAIF AL NUSSER 1
GREAT STAR 2
TOHOLIA 3

Double:—GANYMEDE and COEUR DE LION.

Treble:—LET SLIP, STEEL HELMET and NIGHT ALARM

Smt. Rameshwari Nehru's Appeal To Congress And Women's Conference

In a letter dated 8th Jan. 1940 addressed to Acharya Kripalani, General Secretary, Indian National Congress, Shrimati Rameshwari Nehru President, Jat-Pat Torak Mandal, writes:—

"I would like to add this much to what has been said already that without the complete eradication of the caste mentality, it is not possible either to abolish untouchability or to have a consolidated Indian nation. Both these objectives being the aim of the Congress, the Mandal's services to the Congress are not insignificant Any support from the Congress to the Mandal will, therefore, be of great mutual value."

APPEAL TO WOMENS CONFERENCE

Shrimati Nehru in a circular, dated 8th January to the members of the Standing Committee to the All-India Women's Conference, says:—

"You will perhaps remember that at the Standing Committee meeting held at Delhi last year, a resolution was passed to the effect that the All-India Women's Conference should give active support to the work of the Jat-Pat Torak Mandal and all its branches should be asked to take up work in that connection.

"Its aims and objects are so fundamentally allied to the ideals of the Conference that by promoting the former, it will automatically serve the latter.

Following are a few suggestions which could be taken up for the furtherance of the cause:—

1. Making of ordinary members of the Mandal paying an annual fee of Rs. 2. Names and addresses of the members along with the subscription money should be sent to me. Membership forms can be supplied on request. 2. Distribution of anti-caste literature which can be supplied on request in English, Hindi and Urdu. 3. Persuading members of the Conference branches to return nil in the caste column on the occasion of the 1941 census.

Members willing to take up this work may correspond with me. I shall be glad to supply them with further information and give them more suggestions for the work.

LITERACY DAY IN MARCH

Plan To Give Impetus To Campaign In City

A new move which is intended to drive home to the citizens of Bombay the need for an intensive campaign to liquidate illiteracy has been decided upon by the Adult Education Committee appointed by the Government of Bombay. Demonstrations on an unprecedented scale are to be held on a day called the Literacy Day which will be organised in March next, Students and teachers of colleges and schools in the city, mill-workers, officials and other citizens will be requested to participate in the demonstrations the details of which are being worked out at present by a special Committee composed of representatives of educational Associations.

A week prior to the Literacy Day, voluntary subscriptions will be raised.

MILLOWNERS' HELP

The literacy campaign in the city is also expected to receive considerable impetus as a result of the co-operation which is being sought by the Adult Education Committee from the mill authorities in the City. The Committee has decided to intimate to the mills that it is prepared to lend the services of teachers in case the mill authorities provide facilities for conducting classes.

The Literacy Officer, Mr. Mantri who is planning an intensive campaign for the next year, expects to be ready shortly with a set of books known as post-literacy reading material for enabling the mill-workers to acquire permanent literacy.

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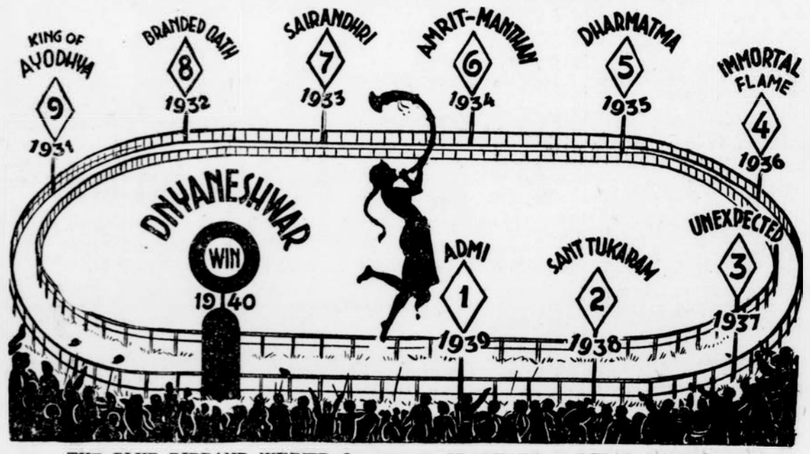

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Mr. Francis Low, Editor of "The Times of India," presided.

LODGING ARRANGEMENTS AT RAMGARH

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee have issued the following information regarding the forthcoming Congress Session at Ramgarh:—

The Reception Committee of the Ramgarh Session of the Indian National Congress have made lodging arrangements for delegates. Each delegate will have to pay Rs. 5 for the lodging Delegates will be lodged in common rooms accommodating from 8 to 24 persons. Visitors will not be allowed to stay with the delegates in the Delegates' Camp.

Visitors intending to attend the Congress Session have to reserve accommodation in advance or else it will be difficult for them to get accommodation at the time of the Session. For those going with families and friends, the Reception Committee propose to provide independent accommodation by putting up separate huts. There are three types of huts provided for this kind of accommodation, their rent being Rs. 100, Rs. 75 and Rs. 25. The first class will consist of two rooms, bathroom, kitchen and verandah. The second class, the same arrangement, but smaller rooms. The third class will have one room only.

Any one wishing to have accommodation of any of these types must apply to the Reception Committee beforehand and remit the rent in advance. It is proposed to erect only as many huts as are paid for in advance and no one will be able to get accommodation of these types without previous arranging for the same. The accommodation must be booked before the 15th of February. Ramgarh being a small village no house accommodation is available in the locality and the nearest town is some 30 miles away. It is, therefore, necessary that those who wish to avoid discomfort should book accommodation as suggested.

Juthika Ray And Others In Musical Programme

BOMBAY, Friday.

Music and dance lovers of Bombay were entertained to an interesting programme of classical music, both vocal and instrumental, interspersed with interesting items of dancing, at a variety entertainment organised by Prof. Deodhar of the School of Indian Music to-night. The programme which came off at the C. J. Hall was attended by a large number of citizens. Miss Juthika Ray, the well-known vocalist of Calcutta who is known to the Bombay public by her gramophone records contributed her share to the success of the evening's entertainment. The dance items by Miss Vijaya Hanavarkar and Master Babulal Kathak and a solo dance in the South Indian Kathak technique by Ratikant Arya were highly appreciated by the audience. The other items on the programme included 'Kach tarang' by Master Ramesh, tabla tarang by Mr. Janardhan Abyankar, vocal music by Miss Anuya Kulkarni, Miss Prabhavati Padhya, Miss Lalita Parulkar and Miss Sheela Pandit.

RESERVE BANK PROFITS

The report of the Reserve Bank of India for the year ending December 31, 1939 shows a net profit of Rs. 22,50,355 out of which after paying the dividend to shareholders at the rate of three and a half per cent per annum fixed by the Central Government, a surplus of Rs. 5,00,355 is left for payment to the Central Government in accordance with the Reserve Bank Act.—A. P.

BAN ON 'JAIPUR RAHASYA'

"Raids Before Declaring Ban"

JAIPUR: Jan. 29.

The Publicity Officer, Jaipur Rajya Praja Mandal, writes:—

"A Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 27th Jan. 1940 notifies:—'Whereas the book named "Jaipur Rahasya," written in Hindi by Lakshmi Narayan Sharma, an ex-employee of Jaipur State Railway, and printed by the Indian States Bureau, Jhansi contains matters which, in the opinion of the Jaipur Government, are highly seditious, in that the author attempts through them to bring His Highness the Maharaja Sahib Bahadur of Jaipur and the Jaipur Government into contempt and to excite disaffection towards both of them.

'It is hereby declared under Section 91 of the Code of Criminal Procedure that every copy of the said book is forfeited to His Highness and the Police and Magistrates are directed to take action under the said Section for the seizure of the book found within Jaipur territory.'

"It is worth recalling that whereas the above extraordinary issue of the Jaipur Gazette is being distributed to its subscribers and thus made available to the public today, the City Police suddenly and simultaneously raided the residences of several prominent Praja Mandal leaders, Khadi Bhandar and other places in search of the book, as early as on the 27th afternoon."

INVESTIGATIONS AT IZATNAGAR

Experiments With Waste Products

NEW DELHI, Feb. 1.

Investigations have lately been made by a senior worker from the Animal Nutrition Section of the Imperial Veterinary Research Institute at Izatnagar, in some of the famine-stricken areas in the Punjab, Rajputana and Sind, to find out what local green roughage, if any, which when added to the agricultural and factory wastes like ground nut husk, rice husk, corn hearts, reed, Bajra husks, molasses, etc., locally available, would maintain cattle even in famine conditions. Food experiments, it is understood, with these substances are being undertaken immediately at Izatnagar so that the results may be available at an early date.

The chemical analyses of these agricultural and factory wastes do not, it is said, compare unfavourably with wheat 'bhoosa,' the roughage which is being supplied by Government organisations in these famine areas.

These areas, which border the Rajputana desert, happen to have the best breeds of cattle in India. The soil is rich and in normal times crops and fodder grasses grow luxuriously, but no serious effort seems to have been made at conserving roughage for times of scarcity or tapping new sources of cheap fodder supply during famines.

The Government of the Punjab are doing their best to help the people with subsidies. The Government have also opened famine centres and sell wheat 'bhoosa' to the poor at reduced prices.

At Karachi investigations were made as to the possibility of using local agricultural or factory wastes as fodder, A vast area round Karachi grows cotton and a big firm in Karachi prepares decorticated cake and oil from cotton seeds.

'Gaj' Measure In Timber Trade

The Government of Bombay has decided to permit the use of the old "Gaj" measure side by side with the standard cubic foot measure in the timber trade throughout the Province until October 31, 1940.

This concession has been made as a special case and no further extension will be granted. After October 31 the cubic foot measure only will be permissible and use of the "Gaj" measure will be a contravention of the Bombay Weights and Measures Act.

Quarantine Restriction In Ceylon

The Ceylon Government have imposed quarantine restrictions against arrivals from Bombay on account of smallpox.

In order to avoid possible delay and inconvenience at the port of debarkation, passengers embarking at Bombay are advised to be vaccinated before embarkation, unless they are in possession of certificates showing that vaccination has been performed within three years prior to debarkation in Ceylon or bear evidence of a previous attack of smallpox

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might have given their consent to this arrangement. For, it perfectly fits in their reformist policy of settling the disputes by the method of give and take and the proposals can become an excellent specimen of the policy.

The knowledge of the proposals at once put the workers on the alert and words of anger and condemnation began to be heard in all the gangs. The B. B. & C. I. Railwaymen's Union, therefore, took out a hand bill explaining the design of the administration and calling upon the workers to demonstrate their opposition and condemnation by means of a meeting. Accordingly a public meeting of the Gangmen and others of the whole Bombay Division was held on the 22nd evening at Mahim. Coms. L. K. Oak and Baijnathsingh spoke at the meeting. A resolution condemning the two proposals and demanding holidays on all the Sundays at the same time keeping the 8 hours' duty untouched, was passed unanimously.—Yours, etc.,

L. K. OAK,
General Secretary,
B. B. & C. I. Railwaymen's Union.

Belgaum Teachers

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—The pay of the primary teachers in the district of Belgaum, for the months of November and December 1939, has not yet been given to them and hence these teachers are paying so many visits to their dues, without any success. As a matter of fact the School Board had sufficient funds to pay off the salary of the teachers, for the month of November, but that was utilised for payments to clerks and other officers. For the sake of office clerks, supervisors, etc., the pay of 2000 poor teachers is withheld. It is really a matter of serious consideration for the Education Inspector, how this should be put to a stop once for all.—Yours, etc.,

P. R. MUNCHANDI and Others.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Cochin Child Marriage Restraint Bill

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The Cochinites of Bombay are gratified to learn that a Bill has recently been introduced in the Cochin Legislative Council to restrict child marriages. In such a progressive and advanced State as Cochin, it is deplorable that such a social evil as child marriage should still exist, and it is therefore a great relief that this much delayed reform is at last coming to that part of the country as well.

The Bill is sponsored by Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon and seeks to penalise marriages below the age of 14 in the case of girls, and 18 in the case of boys. It is proposed to extend the operation of the Bill not only to the whole of Cochin State, but also to all Cochinites wherever they may be.

Unfortunately, even in this age of freedom and reform there are people who consider such a useful measure as unwanted and against the ethics of religion; and I understand that the main opposition comes from the Brahmin members of the Council, who are two in number in a house of 38.

It is well-known that since the passing of the Sarda Act, many so-called orthodox people in British India have been taking advantage of neighbouring Indian States in order to perform child marriages and thus escape the clutches of the law, and it is therefore very satisfactory that these States should begin to fall in line with British India in the matter of such a useful reform.

The Cochinites of Bombay cannot but congratulate Mrs. Thankamma for having boldly come forward, even at this late hour, to sponsor such a useful reform measure, and I am sure I am voicing their feeling when I say that the Bill has their fullest support.

The Bill has been published for eliciting public opinion and as the oppositionists are trying their utmost to see that it is wrecked in its offering is the duty of Cochinites in the city to mobilise public opinion in favour of the Bill.—Yours, etc.

C. K. SUBRAMANIAM.

Inter-Communal Relations

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Addressing fellow Elphinstonians the other day Mr. Manu Subedar is reported to have made an amazing statement regarding Hindu-Muslim tension. He is reported to have said that the Hindu-Muslim differences were social, and not political. That this statement should have been made by so responsible a publicist as Mr. Subedar passes one's understanding. It has been acknowledged almost universally that in the villages and lesser towns there is hardly any Hindu-Muslim problem at all. It has been advanced as an argument that this problem is one created by so called leaders,, and that in the villages there is free social intercourse also between the two communities such as is permitted by the injunctions of religion. In the cities even Hindus and Muslims mix on marriage and other occasions. It is only over the question of dividing the prospective profits of self-government that quarrels arise. It is very incorrect to say that the Hindu-Muslim differences are social and not political.—Yours, etc.

VEERBAL H. MEHTA.

Khar, January 21.

Andheri-Parle By-Election

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I desire to draw the attention of "Fairplay" to the constitution of the Andheri-Parle Municipal Board. Out of a total strength of 26 councillors, two only come in through reservation They are a Harijan and a Mahomedan No seat is reserved for Ladies in any of the wards from the Andheri section though one is provided from Vile Parle. Mrs. Chemburkar who has now the honour of being a Municipal councillor was returned at the last General election through open competition and, as a matter of fact, obtained the highest number of votes from her ward.—Yours, etc.

YOGINEE.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

Congress Recognition

A MUSLIM says:—"In the interests of the country and for the sake of Hindu-Muslim unity, which is essential for the attainment of Swaraj, I would venture to say that the Congress would not lose anything, but gain in prestige on the contrary, if it recognised the League as a political body representing a majority of Indian Muslims. If this is done, a great obstacle from the path of Hindu-Muslim rapprochement will be removed and a mutual settlement of disputes facilitated."

Cutch Administration

INTERESTED says:—"Every politically minded person in India is alive to the fact that a wooden red-taped procedure prevails throughout the Indian States Cutch is not an exception. Perhaps it has an oaken method. Prestige of forefathers and himself has ever mattered highly and primarily with His Highness Sri Khengarji and handicapped him severely."

Queries

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Will any of your readers enlighten me on the following:—

(1). What oil is used in preparing "solidified vegetable products"?

(2). Is the treatment of basic oils with chemicals free from injurious effects if used exclusively in place of ordinary oils?

(3). Do the manufacturers mention in all cases the basic oil from which their product is manufactured? If not, why is the consumer kept in the dark about the thing he daily eats?—Yours, etc.

"INQUISITIVE."

B. B. & C. I. Workmen

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—It is a fact beyond dispute that the Gangmen and other workers of the Engineering Department constitute a section of the B. B. & C. I. Railway employees, who are exploited the most and paid the least. Agitation has been in progress for a long time past for all the Sundays being given as holidays. Despite their hard work, the Gangmen get only two Sundays in a month as offs. Now, it is reported that the workers are approached with the proposal that they will have holidays on all the Sundays provided that they are prepared to work for 9 hours a day instead of 8. This means that the Company will extort from the workers 26 to 27 hours' extra work every month i.e., 3-1|4 days of extra work in return for two offs i.e., the Company is reported to have designed to cheat the workers of their 1-1|4 day's labour.

A similar proposal is reported to have been made with respect to blankets. At present each worker of this section gets one blanket every year. They are now being asked to accept one blanket coat once in three years. With a view to push the proposals down the throats of the workers, it is said that these proposals are already accepted by their Union. We take this opportunity to declare that our Union has made no such proposals and that our Union by accepting the proposals cannot betray the interests of the workers to the Railway Company. Recently, however, the representatives of the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees' Union under the leadership of Mr. Jamnadas Mehta had met the Agent and General Manager and it is possible that Mr. Mehta and his friends

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IXTH INDIAN OLYMPIC GAMES

Bombay's Great Effort For Uplift Of Sport

I have the privilege of looking round "Patiala Nagar", which, as every one knows, is the name of the Olympic Village that will house the large contingent of athletes hailing from our own burg and Bombay Province, those from Punjab, Bengal, Madras, Patiala, Central Provinces, United Province, Behar, Baroda, Assam, Delhi and probably Ceylon—a huge concourse of athletes assembled together to compete in various branches of sport keeping before them the precept that the essential thing is not to conquer but to fight well.

Patiala Nagar was made a possibility through the generosity of His highness the Maharaja of Patiala who graciously donated Rs. 10,000 towards the construction of the Olympic Village. The money is being well-spent, there is no lavishness about things, but all the visiting athletes will be afforded solid comfort which is sought for by sportsmen.

Alongside the camp, encompassed in Patiala Nagar is a wrestling arena to be known as Maharaj Pratap Singh Gaekwar Wrestling Arena. Here all the wrestling bouts in connection with the Ninth Indian Olympic Games will be held.

Adjoining the wrestling arena we come to the area where a unique exhibition is to be held that will cheer the hearts of sportsmen and others. Mr. S. K. Mukerji and the willing band of workers he has grouped around him feel that the Ninth Indian Olympic Games affords a unique opportunity to stage an exhibition that will be of particular interest to sportsmen. They feel that in most things the festival aspect has to enter, and a big sports gathering certainly calls for this. Further, sportsmen must know where they can best be served. Unfortunately the economic side of sports has been greatly neglected, and the exhibition under reference has as one of its idea to bring sportsmen in contact with sources that will best meet their requirements. The main object, however, is to foster the sports industry in India. At the exhibition lovers of all types of games will be surprised to see what strides the sports industry in India has made and how much good equipment can be had from Indian manufacturers. A feeling unfortunately is prevalent that Indian sports goods are wanting. At the exhibition this idea will, to a great extent, be disabused. Further, India manufacturers of sports goods will lecarn at the exhibition the particular requirement of various branches of sport and secure valuable data on which they may build.

The exhibition will not cater only for the commercial side of sport. There will be other sections that will fully be embracing the word sport. An amusement park has been installed for the light-hearted, and no sports fan is a wet blanket. In conversation with the energetic Honorary Secretary of Bombay's greatest sports show, I saw a great deal behind the idea of a Sports Conference. I agreed with the view that to merely organize Olympic Games or Sports Meets or Tournaments, year after year, is not the only thing to be done by the Olympic and Sports bodies, Provincial or All-India. These must be held and side by side with these, the cause of failure or success of Indian athletes must found out and then only the systematic improvement of the Indian Sports and Athletes can be assured. With this end in view the Organizing Committee of the IXth Indian Olympic Games had very rightly decided to take advantage of the presence of India's picked athletes, coaches and officials during the Games in Bombay. organizing the First Sports Conference of its kind to discuss on proper lines, both by groups and by the general assembly, the main subject of the "Future of Sports in India". It is a step in the right direction and there is no doubt that all the Provinces will whole-heartedly support the idea, attend the Conference and join fully in these deliberations and make constructive suggestions towards the improvement of Sports and Sportsmen in India.

The Conference decided upon wi meet first in groups selected from delegates selected on the following subjects:—

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

"Survey Of Present Position"

(a) Play instincts in Indian children
(b) Sports in Educational Institutions, Primary and Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities.
(c) Sports in Clubs and other Institutions.
(d) Sport Controlling Bodies.
(e) Coaching.
(f) Facilities and Equipments.
(g) Publicity.
(h) State, Municipal and Public Support.

After the discussion period the General Session of the Conference will meet again to co-ordinate the findings of the various groups.

Next day, the General Session of the Conference will take place again for the explanation of the plans and discussions for the day. The Conference will divide itself into groups and will take part in group discussions on the following subjects:—

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

"How Improvements Can Be Effected"

(a) Inculcation of Play Instinct among growing children.
(b) Educational Institutions.
(c) Clubs and Gymkhanas.
(d) Sport Controlling Bodies.
(e) Coaching.
(f) Facilities and Equipment.
(g) Publicity.
(h) State, Municipal and Public Support.

The General Session of the Conference will finally meet and come to definite conclusions regarding their findings and recommendations for all concerned for the next two years to follow.

The Conference will conclude with the formation of an All-India body known as the "Society for the Promotion of Sports, Recreation and Camping."

Tennis

Savara Worries Bekkevold In Singles Match

FINAL STAGES IN WESTERN INDIA CHAMPIONSHIPS PROMISE GOOD FARE

Two splendid matches were witnessed on Friday in the Western India Tennis Championships. The early struggle was a doubles affair, the first semi-final in this section of the tournament. The pairs concerned were F. Bekkevold with N. V. Limaye and J. N. Mehta partnered by S. A. Azim. The first set went to Bekkevold and Limaye and second set went to Mehta and Azim. Mehta lost his service game as did Bekkevold the other end. Azim did different to his partner and Limaye's service gave him and his partner game which made the scores two all. With Mehta serving, he and Azim made it 3—2.

Bekkevold and Limaye were found wanting in the next game which gave the opposite pair a lead, 4—2. here Limaye's powerful drive often found the net.

Bekkevold was also having bad fortune, beautiful returns were just a little overdone. This gave Mehta and Azim another game, 5—2.

In the next round Azim was outstanding, placing several of his returns very fast and beautifully between the opposite pair. The valuable points thus gained got him and Mehta the set at the cost of only 2 games.

In the deciding set Mehta and Azim took the first two games without conceding a game. Then Bekkevold and Limaye took three in a line. The next two games went to Mehta and Azim. Then Bekkevold with a steadied Limaye beside him took a series of three games to win the set and match

Some felt it was pretty hard to call upon Bekkevold to take the court for a serious singles match after a strenuous doubles' fight against Savara. He, however, prevailed against a greatly improved opponent. Critics were not quite pleased at Savara's recent exhibitions. But he redeemed his reputation on Friday and must receive full points for his game against Bekkevold. If only he refused to be drawn by Bekkevold's shrewed tactics and dealt with the Dane's lobbing with more patience, there might have been different tale to relate. It was noticed that often when Bekkevold found himself in a tight corner he slowed down the game and waited for errors from Savara. The latter generally fell to this trap. In a fast set, the first, Savara won 6—2.

Bekkevold annexed the next. The final set was a treat. Bekkevold and Savara lost their service games in turn. Savara got through Bekkevold defence, then won his service and bettered the Dane again, 4—1. Bekkevold, however, is a match-winner and will fight on. He did, taking the next four games with good court-craft, pulling himself out of many difficult position. The next game went to Savara. This held the spectators before game point was taken duece was called six times The account was now five all. Bekkevold played very carefully thereafter and got the better of a determined opponent by closing the match with two games in succession.

The spectators were surprised to see Gupte allow the first set to Deo, taking only one game.

He, however, got to business and never let his opponent have a look in winning. 1—6, 6—0, 6—0.

Yesterday's unfinished Marathon closed to-day in favour of Deo and Dastur. Savara and Rasik Kumar of Wankaner lost. The scores here read 8—6, 12—10. The former pair, however, went down before Tew and Mytton.

RESULTS.

MEN'S SINGLES:—F. Bekkevold beat C. L. Savara, 2—6, 6—4, 7—5. A. G. Gupte beat Deo, 1—6, 6—0, 6—0.

MEN'S DOUBLES:—J. M. Mehta and S. A. Azim beat A. C. Suntook and H. N. Contractor, 6—4, 6—1; F. Bekkevold and N. V. Limaye beat J. M. Mehta and S. A. Azim, 6—4, 2—6, 6—4; Deo and Dastur beat S. L. Savara and Rasik Kumar of Wankaner 8—6, 12—10; J. E. Tew and G. L. Mytton 6—4, 6—2.

MIXED DOUBLES:—Mrs. W. A. Bell and C. L. Mytton beat Miss P. de Lima and S. A. Azim 6—3, 6—2.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

COURT NO. 2.—3-45 p.m. E. V. Bobb vs. A. G. Gupte; 4-45 p.m. E. V. Bobb and Miss L. Row vs. J. M. Mehta and Miss Mehta; 5-30 p.m. G. L. Mytton and Mrs. W. A. Bell vs. F. Bekkevold and Miss Haji.

COURT NO. 3.—4-00 p.m. S. A. Azim vs. F. Bekkevold; 4-45 p.m. R. F. Moss or R. N. Bhagvat vs. E. Samukawa (Plate).

COURT NO. 4.—4-00 p.m.—LADIES SINGLES FINAL—Miss L. Row vs. Miss Haji.

COURT NO. 5.—4-00 p.m. R. F. Moss vs. R. N. Bhagvat (Plate).

COURT NO. 6.—4-00 p.m. M. R. Row vs. S. S. Kaul (Plate).

ANOTHER FOOTBALL FIASCO

LONDON, Feb. 2.

To-morrow's football has become another fiasco. All English and Scottish regional matches have been postponed with the exception of the match between Plymouth and Bristol City in the south-western region. Only a couple of Rugby matches remain unscratched hitherto.—Reuter.

Hockey

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Weak Side Allow Customs Promotion

The Game played on Friday in the Provincial Hockey Championship, as expected, went in favour of the Customs, the Bombay Port Trust losing by three clear goals. The losers are flattered by this score, the Customs could have won by at least 6 points.

The Customs, who were expected to turn out with almost a new forward line, fielded no strangers in the team. A report in hockey circles held that certain class hockey players had found employment in the Customs in order to rehabilitate a fast declining hockey eleven.

The rumour was not comfirmed on Friday. Probably facts will only be known when the Customs face stronger opposition in the Championship or later in the Aga Khan contest.

In the match under report, the Customs gathered two of their three goals in the first half, Pinto netting both. Afzal completed the tally after the teams had changed ends.

TO-DAY'S GAME

B. P. H. A. ground—5-15 p.m.
Lusitanians "B" vs. B. B. and C. I. Railway.

ENEMY FIRMS IN INDIA

All Property Vested In Custodian

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2.

A communique states: it is notified for general information that the Government of India have, by their notification, in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated 3rd February 1940 vested all property, movable and immovable, belonging to or held by, or managed on behalf of, the following enemy firms in the Custodian of enemy property for British India.

SCHEDULE.

1. Mr. A. Keifer, representative of a Neuhanser of Germany, Sorab Mansions, Murzban Road, Bombay.
2. Messrs. Graphica, 7 Royd Street, Calcutta.
3. The United Black Forest Industry, Outram Road, Bombay.
4. Mr. W. E. Kollenberg, Ahmedabad House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.
5. Mr Fritz Lindenbaum, Carmichael Road, Cumballa Hill, Bombay.
6. The Indo-Persian Trading Company, Dundas Street, Camp, Karachi.
7. The Hansa Holder Engineering and Company, Little Villa, Victoria Road, Karachi.
8. Mr. Werner Schneider, Talaq Mohal Cawnpore.
9. Rotas Industries Bakelite Factory, Sion Bridge, Bombay.
10. Messrs. D. Hamann and Company, Victoria Building, Parsi Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay.—A.P.

WORLD OF SPORT: HOME AND ABROAD

Sports Conference In Olympic Week

(BY LOOKER-ON.)

The All-India Olympic Week is now at hand. To-morrow the Exhibition will be thrown open to the public and on Monday morning the Patiala Nagar where the athletes and officials from up-country will be housed, will be declared open. The Olympic Games will start on Friday, February 9. The Officials of the 9th Indian Olympic Games Committee, are working overtime to complete their arrangements in time. In no previous session things have been undertaken on such a big scale and in such a variety of ways.

The ambition of the General Secretary of the Olympic Committee, Mr. S. K. Mukerji, is to make the event a replica of the World Games. It seems that he will succeed in attaining his object in a large measure.

GAEKWAD OF BARODA TO PRESIDE

Apart from the competitive and demonstrative parts of the Meet there will be a sports Conference at Patiala Nagar, where serious matters concerning sport will be discussed. The Conference will be presided over by the Gaekwad of Baroda and the Chairman of the Reception Committee is our Vice-Chancellor, Mr. R. P. Masani. It will last for three days, beginning from Friday next. The following subjects are to be discussed. I give below the names of the Chairman and Speakers on the various subjects:—

SUBJECTS:—

Play instincts in Indian children. Chairwoman Mrs. Hansa Mehta. Speaker Mrs. K. Nimbkar.

Sports in Educational Institutions—primary and secondary. Chairman Mr. Moos, Director of Public Instruction. Speakers Mr. P. M. Joseph. Mr J. Buchanan.

College and Universities. Chairman Mr. Moos, Director of Public Instruction. Speaker Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan.

Sports in clubs and other institutions Chairman Dr. J. Alban D'Souza. Speaker Mr. A. A. Jasdenwalla.

Sports controlling bodies. Chairman Mr. S. Moin-ul-Huq. Speaker Mr. P. N. Sen.

Coaching. Chairman Mr. H. C. Buck. Speakers Rai Saheb Kripanarain, Mr. E. W. Mumby.

Facilities and Equipment. Chairman Dr. S. B. Sethna. Speakers Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Mr. C. N. Vakil.

Publicity. Chairman Mr. P. K. Gupta. Speakers Mr. N. Ahmed, Mr. J. C Maitra.

State, Municipal and public support. Chairman Mr. A. S. Trollip. Speakers Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta, Mr. P. R. Bhatt, Mr. S. H. Bhoot.

EXPERT OPINIONS

The speakers on the various subjects are expected to make general observations on them and then there will be a free discussion. I hope those who take keen interest in the development of sport in this country, will make it a point to attend the Conference. It is open to the public. But only those who become delegates on payment of a Rupee will be allowed to take part in the debates. It will be worth everybody's while to listen to the various speakers. They are well-known persons of experience and knowledge, hailing from different parts of the country. These discussions are sure to lead to the betterment of sport in India. If that object is gained the Conference will have amply served its purpose.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING IN ENGLAND

Ned Tarleton Wins British Empire Feather-Weight Title

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 1.

Ned Tarleton, won the British and Empire Feather-weight titles for the third time in his career, beating Johnny Cusick, holder, on points in a thrilling 15 round fight.—Reuter.

HINDI LITERATURE IN DECCAN

Mr. R. G. Gyani, M.A. Curator of the Archaeological Section in the Prince of Wales Museum, will lecture under P.E.N. auspices on "Glimpses of Hindi Literature in Deccan" on Monday, the 5th of February, at 6 p.m. Dr. Manilal Patel, Ph.D. (Marburg), Director of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhuvan at Andheri, will preside. The meeting, which will be in the lecture room of the Royal Asiatic Society, Bombay Branch in the Town Hall at Elphinstone Circle, will be open to the public.

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Madras Council Election And Rajen Babu's Message

MASULIPATAM, Feb. 1.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Congress President, has sent the following message about the ensuing elections to the Madras Legislative Council to Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, President of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee:—

'Madras is the only province with Congress majority in the Upper House. It must maintain the reputation. I hope Andhra will win all the six seats."—United Press.

CO-OPERATIVE REFORMS IN GWALIOR.

(From A Correspondent.)
GWALIOR, (By Mail.)

Presiding over the meeting of Gwalior Co-operative Central Advisory Council, Prof. V. G. Kale indicated the lines on which the regeneration of the co-operative movement in the State, which had received a great setback in these years, could be attempted. The opening of land mortage banks at different centres in the State to advance long-term loans to the peasants, amendments to draft by-laws of central banks, introduction of agricultural credit societies and the establishment of co-operative printing press were among other important topics discussed at the meeting. As a result of deliberations the proposals agreed upon will soon be put into operation.

AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Friday.

Nagindas V. Khandvala and Tuljaram V. Khandvala, stock and sharebrokers appeared yesterday before the Chief Presidency Magistrate to answer a charge of criminal breach of trust as brokers preferred against them by Jamnadas Vasonji, a registered accountant and landed proprietor.

The complainant, in his evidence deposed that he used to place orders with the accused's firm for the purchase and sale of shares.

Cross-examined by Mr. K. F. Nariman who appeared for the accused, witness stated that he had been doing business with the accused's firm for a fairly long time. In 1935, he made presents to the staff of the accused's firm. Witness admitted that one of his houses at Kamatipura was mortgaged.

At this stage the Court rose and the case was adjourned.

Mr. C. N. Kanuga appeared for the complainant.

SEQUEL TO SWOOP ON NAGPADA DISPENSARY

14 Accused Granted Further Extension Of Bail

BOMBAY, Friday.

Dr. G. N. De Silva and 13 others who were arrested by the Nagpada police sometime in the middle of last month following on a raid on Dr. De Silva's dispensary and a neighbouring distillery, were again produced before Mr. M. A. F. Coelho, Additional Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon Police Court, this morning. Their bail periods were extended till the 13th of this month pending further police investigations.

The names of the accused are (1) Dr. J. N. de Silva, (2) C. Coutinho, (3) R. Fernandes, (4) J. C. Jobbs, (5) P. Martin, (6) Francis D'Souza, (7) J. R. Gomes (8) Gavadia Bhagia, (9) Sattoo Ganu, (10) Vincent L. Periera, (11) Donald P. Swindon, (12) Samuel B. Issack, (13) Nissim Menashy and (14) Mrs. Taba Samuel Issack.

Shamdasani's Application Dismissed

BOMBAY, Friday.

The application made by Mr. P. D. Shamdasani for setting aside a judgment delivered by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Rangnekar in 1936 was dismissed with costs by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen at the High Court to-day.

Their lordships observed that they were satisfied that Mr. Justice Rangnekar had declared, in a case heard by him as the Chief Presidency Magistrate, that he was a shareholder of the Central Bank, and that he had also expressed his unwillingness to hear a case in the High Court in 1930 on similar grounds.

Mr. Shamdasani had not objected to his cases being heard by Mr. Justice Rangnekar, which amounted to a waiver of his right of objection.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WHEN OUT OF JOB?

Sadakya Laxman, who is alleged to have attempted to commit suicide with a safety razor yesterday morning, was arrested at B. B. and C. I. Railway godown.

The suspect had been given notice by the authorities and his services were dispensed with. He was offered bail by Mr. K. C. Thakore, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar Court, to-day.

FRONTIER SITUATION

Conference At Viceroy's House

NEW DELHI, Feb. 2.

It is announced that His Excellecy the Viceroy presided over a conference to-day at the Viceroy's House.

At this conference, it is believed, the Commander-in-Chief and some officers of the Army Headquarters, the Finance Member and the Governor of the Frontier Province were present, and a general review was made of the Frontier situation.—A. P.

Faqir Of Alingar As Tribal Arbitrator

PESHAWAR, Feb. 2.

The Faqir of Alingar on the Mohmand border is nowadays busy performing what in tribal parlance is called 'amar-i-maruf' He is moving about from place to place where tribesmen bring to him their disputes for arbitration.

Should the action of one of the disputants call for punishment, the punishment is inflicted on the spot. For this purpose, the Fakir of Alingar, as all other Khans in the tribal area, is accompanied by a retinue of trusted friends to enforce the arbitrator's decision if occasion arose.—A. P.

HOSTEL FOR POOR STUDENTS

Building Attached To Historic Mosque

HYDERABAD, (By Mail).

In the course of his reply to the address presented at the opening ceremony of the Boarding House attached to the Masjid Mian Musq, Sir Akbar Hydari, President of the Executive Council, observed that it gave him great pleasure to perform the opening of an auspicious institute. He was always interested in such historical buildings as the Masjid Mian Musq and was very pleased with the various reforms which had been made in the present building.

He also appreciated the efforts of the Ecclesiastical Department in making the ancient buildings useful for public utility.

The distinguished feature of the policy of the Department, he said, was that it was working without distinction of caste and creed and without any interference with religious susceptibilities of the people of different creeds. The Department was also doing excellent work in protecting the waqfs and other endowments. The Government was satisfied with the Department's efforts.

Sir Akbar paid a tribute to Nawab Mirza Yar Jung Bahadur, Ecclesiastical and Judical Member and Mr. Aliuddin Ahmed, Director of Ecclesiastical Department and hoped that under their supervision the Department would continue to do such useful work.

The Boarding House comprises 31 rooms and is opened for the benefit of needy and deserving students.

After the opening an "At Home" was held.

After the "At Home" Sir Akbar visited the Islamia Technical Institute adjoining the Boarding House and donated Rs. 35 for sweetmeats to be distributed among students.—A. P.

Woman Rushes To Girl's Rescue, Both Die

On seeing her daughter Vimala enveloped in flames Shantabai (22), residing at Sandhurst Road, ran to her rescue and herself sustained severe burns when her sari came in contact with the flames.

Both the injured persons were removed to the J. J. Hospital where they succumbed to their injuries soon after admission.

Samrathabai Jagjeevan deposed at the inquest that she saw both the deceased enveloped in flames. She ran to them and extinguished the flames by throwing dust.

Enquiries showed that Shantabai was lighting the Primus stove to heat milk. The child, being near the stove, caught the flames.

As the police have "some suspicion" in this case the inquest has been adjourned to February 7.

Health Of Bombay

The health returns of Bombay during the 4th week of 1940, for the week ended 27th January 1940 were as under:—

The total mortality 559 was 50 more than in the last week and the death rate registered was 25.1 on the Census population of 1931 which compared favourably with that for the 4th week of 1939, viz. 637 and the total death rate 28.5. The average mortality for the corresponding weeks during the preceding quinquennium was 640 and the death rate 28.6.

Out of the total deaths, 135 were among infants under one year of age. During the week, smallpox caused 30 attacks (including 2 imported—one each from Ajamer and Padali, District Nagar) and 12 deaths. Cholera and Plague were absent. There were 8 deaths from Typhoid. The number of live births registered during the week was 828 which compares favourably with that for the 4th week of 1939, viz. 714 and 731 the quinquennial average for the corresponding weeks in the five years (1935-39).

Nizam's Council

(From Our Correspondent)

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Jan. 31.

Significance is attached to the ensuing meeting of the Hyderabad Legislative Council when Sir Akbar Hydari Prime Minister is expected to make a speech recalling the activities of the Government in the interests of the people at large and appealing to all parties to co-operate and work the constitutional reforms announced by His Exalted Highness in July last. He is also expected to remove certain misapprehensions caused among the public by certain leaders and pave the way for good relations amongst the various communities. It is probable that he might read a message from His Exalted Highness addressed to his subjects through the Legislature. The meeting is scheduled for February 6.

SESSIONS JUDGE ORDERS RETRIAL

Alleged Receiving Of Stolen Postal Orders

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Feb. 1.

"It is really surprising that the prosecution in charge of the case or the trial Magistrate did not notice the flagrant defects in the trial. There cannot be any doubt in the case, that the conviction of the accused has proceeded on the evidence which was not proved in accordance with the provisions of the law and on a perusal of the documents produced in the evidence. I am satisfied that there is a good "prima facie" case made out against the accused".

With these remarks, Mr. A. K. Phadkar, Additional Sessions Judge, Thana reversed the conviction and sentence of one day's R. I. and a fine of Rs. 150 passed by Mr. A. S. A. Nawab, First Class Magistrate, Mahad, against the appellant Gajanan Narayan Dharia, a trader of Dasgaon, Taluka Mahad, for an alleged offence under Sec. 414 I.P.C. (receiving stolen property).

RETRIAL ORDERED.

The Judge ordered the accused (appellant) to be retried either by the District Magistrate Kolaba or by any Magistrate of competent jurisdiction Subordinate to him other than the Magistrate who tried the case.

Mr. Y. N. Chapekar, Assistant Public Prosecutor Kolaba appeared for the crown while Mr. W. P. Oka appeared for the appellant.

WOMEN BACK "DRY" PROGRAMME

(From Our Correspondent.)

KALYAN, (By Mail).

Considerable liveliness marked the proceedings of the Subjects Committee and the open session of the third Thana District Women's Conference which concluded its deliberations after passing about 20 resolutions on various subjects touching social welfare and uplift.

Mrs. Saralabai Naik was in the chair. The Conference accorded its hearty support to the Prohibition programme launched by the Congress Ministries and requested the Government to extend it to the whole of Thana District.

The resolutions related to such diverse subjects as compulsory primary education, control over prostitution by legislation, appointment of lady officers to inspect the condition of female workers, establishment of Industrial Homes for Women, control over and certification of patent medicines, encouragement of swadeshi article, etc., etc.

Either Dahanu or Umbergaon will be the venue of the next conference which will be held sometime in 1942.

RADIO EXTENSIONS

The sites for the receiving centres of the all-India Radio at Calcutta and Madras have been acquired and construction will be started shortly.

Air-conditioning equipment has been ordered for the Calcutta and Madras Studios.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. C. Gibson Resident for the Western India States paid a visit to Junagadh on Tuesday last. H. H. Sir Natwar Sinhiji Maharaja of Porbandar, arrived at Junagadh on Tuesday.

LITERACY CAMPAIGN AMONG WORKING CLASS WOMEN

A Cause Rightly Deserving Public Sympathy

Smt. Indira Joshi, Hon. Secretary, Bombay Women's Association Literacy Committee writes:—

"The Bombay Branch of the All-India Women's Conference was long since interested in literacy work. Encouraged by the grand response of the masses in the last Literacy Campaign organised by the Social Service League in May 1939, the Bombay Women's Association decided to start 50 literacy classes for women for a period of four months commencing on the 1st December, 1939 and appointed a Special Committee for the purpose called the Bombay Women's Association Literacy Committee. Prominent social workers like Mrs. Jaishreebhen Raiji, Mrs. Gilder, Mrs. Urmila Mehta, Miss Godavari Gokhale are some of the members of the Literacy Committee. The classes have already been started from 1st December, 1939 as decided and 47 out of 50 are running with great success. Most of these classes are held for the working class women in the labour area, their need being the greatest. Thirty-eight out of 47 classes meet between 1 p. m. and 5 p. m., six after 6 p. m. while three before 12 a. m. Twenty-two classes are held in Marathi, eleven in Urdu, eight in Gujarati, four in Canarese and two in Hindi. About thourand women are taking advantage of these classes.

These Literacy Classes are run free of charge while the Committee has to spend Rs. 5 per head. The Association thus will require Rs. 5,000 for the salaries of the teachers, supply of slates, pencils, books, black-boards, etc., if the classes are to be successfully conducted till the end of the period. The Committee has so far been able to collect Rs. 2,500 of which Rs. 1,000 were donated by a sympathiser. The Committee has approached the Government Adult Education Board for grant and attempts are being made to make up the balance of Rs. 2,500. The Committee therefore appeals to the public of Bombay, especially the big Firms, and Companies in the City to donate substantial amounts for the cause of literacy and help to make this attempt a success. We are sure everybody will come forward to give her or his quota to the funds.

All correspondence with regard to the classes and applications for new classes should be addressed to the Hon. Secretaries, Bombay Women's Association Literacy Committee, Servants of India Society's Building, Sandhurst Road, Bombay 4, and donations may be kindly sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Miss B. A. Engineer, Seva Sadan, Gamdevi, Bombay 7."

New Mazagaon Boys' And Girls' School Report

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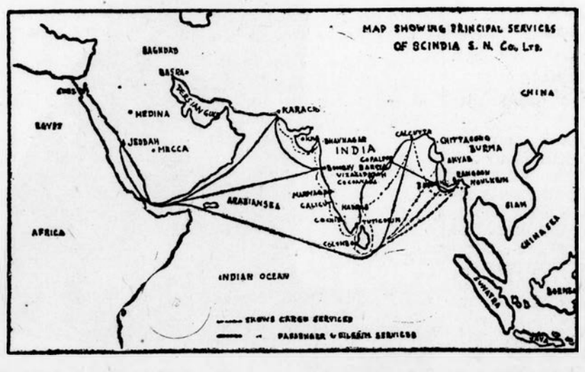

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"Juarez" Gagged By Producers Themselves?

June Dupeez and Brian Worth in "The Lion Has Wings," second week at New Empire.

"MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON" — and how! Next week at New Empire.

Mystery Of A Missing Speech

By K. Ahmed Abbas

Only yesterday this paper editorially protested against the Bengal Government's ban on Jauraz".

Those who went to see "Juarez" during its second run last week at the Palace Talkies were astonished to find that the most important part of the film—the speech of Juarez against European imperialisms addressed to foreign ambassadors—was missing. It can't be an "accidental" omission as the speech runs for over 300 feet of the film.

And the removal of this speech is unpardonable as it robs the picture of its most significant scene. Many people went to Palace only to hear this speech again—and returned keenly disappointed.

DISAPPEARED, REAPPEARED!

In this connection the following facts are to be recalled. In August last the sub-committee of the local Board of Censors passed the entire film (including this speech) and cut out only a few feet of the last scene where Emperor Maximillian is shot.

When the picture was shown to the Press at the New Empire the speech was missing. The "Chronicle" film critic, having received earlier intimation about this scene from his American friends was the only one to miss it. And in the publicity campaign book supplied by Warner Brothers he found the whole speech reproduced with the remark that it was the most important part of the film. The Bombay office of Warner Brothers was informed that this speech would be reproduced in full in the "Chronicle" and the question publicly asked—who cut it out of the film? The Censors? The Government? Or the producers' representatives?

Miraculously ehough the speech reappeared in the film during its run at New Empire. The "Chronicle", however, took the added precaution of publishing the speech so that the public could look out for it in the picture.

Now it has disappeared again. "Juarez" has been gagged! By whom? The public has a right to know.

Not by the Censors because the picture has not been put for a re-trial. Not by Government as we have seen no notification to this effect. The only party left is the Warner Brothers' office in India. Did they take out this speech?

HOLLYWOOD, PLEASE NOTE

It may be stated here that according to Government regulations, once a picture is passed by censors no new portion can be added and 'no existing portion can be taken out' without a re-trial by the censors. (A 3 per cent allowance is made for wear and tear in a year).

Don Ameche, Alice Faye in a scene from "Hollywood Cavalcade", Technicolour Film at Regal.

Propaganda 'Par Excellence' At New Empire

(By Our Film Critic)

I went to see "The Lion Has Wings" (continued for the second week at New Empire).

Launched under the Governor's patronage, described as "An Epic of The R. A. F.", and produced with the active assistance of the British Government, it goes without saying that this film is propaganda—war propaganda.

GOOD—FOR ENGLISHMEN!

And except for the apology of a love motif unnecessarily introduced to give Merle Oberon and June Dupez, an opportunity to 'do their bit' by acting badly, I think on the whole this film is an excellent, well-produced and effective documentary. It is impossible for an Englishman to see this film—with its carefully picked contrasts of the beautiful English countryside and the marching tyranny of Nazism—and not be profoundly stirred. But one has got to be an Englishman (or a Scotsman) to appreciate it.

THE QUESTION OF QUESTIONS

A mere 'native' of India or Africa or anywhere else in the far-flung British Empire is bound to react differently. As he sees the brilliant montage of his film unfold itself and as he hears the crisp voice of the commentator, inconvenient questions are bound to occur to him. Questions which inevitably resolve themselves into one single word—IMPERIALISM.

THOSE "INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLIES"

The peace and prosperity, the cheerful crowd of cricket players, the humming factories, the blocks of worker's flats,—all these things (which are exceedingly well represented in this picture) are based on Britain's position as an Imperial power. Britain has come to love peace only after she has carved out an empire (over which the sun never sets). These "inexhaustible supplies" to which the commentator makes repeated references—where do they come from? From the far-flung British Empire.

"THIS IS BRITAIN ...."

It would have been more truthful if the picture had opened with a techni-colour map of the world with all the red spots on it. The camera should have moved slowly from one colony to another, picking out all those "outposts of the Empire" ....from Trinidad to India....., finally coming to rest on the *little* speak in the ocean that is *Great* Britain. Then the words of the commentator "This is Britain where we love freedom" would have assumed a new significance!

HOLLYWOOD & ITS STORY!

Technicolour Film At Regal

Hollywood likes to think itself mature these days, and to prove it 20th Century-Fox has filmed its story in Technicolour. It's Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Hollywood Cavalcade," starring Alice Faye and Don Ameche, now showing at the Regal Theatre.

The film looks back over the romantic, cockeyed years from bathing beauties to world premieres. In the story of Mike, who wanted to make movies, and Molly who wanted only to be loved by Mike but who was carried to screen greatness the film traces the rise from gags to glamour, from Keystone Cops and custard-pie comedy to "colossal epics" and talkies.

Staged anew and photographed to-day are many of these high-lights of yesteryear. Don Ameche, as Mike, a pioneer director, is a riding-breeched, leather-putteed composite of all early directors. He "discovers" bathing beauties, recreates the Mack Sennett comedy days with Alice Faye, as Molly, who is a composite of great stars of the period.

Buster Keaton, Ben Turpin, Chester Conklin and Al Jolson re-enact their triumphs for Hollywood's new technicolour cameras Handling the megaphone is Irving Cummings, now a top-flight director, who has just celebrated his thirtieth year in filmdom and so knows the era of "Hollywood Cavalcade" at first hand. Mack Sennett himself was hired and even appears in a sequence in the film—his first appearance before the cameras since 1917 and his first role in the sound pictures. Thus authenticity is assured.

The film opens with Mike, in New York from California after losing his film job, inducing his friend Dave (J. Edward Bromberg) to finance his trip back with Molly, a Broadway beginner whom he has "discovered." With a flair for the sensational, Mike makes Molly a success, but unfortunately for her it is in custard-pie comedies, with Molly on the receiving end of the gooey pastry.

Mike puts Molly through the paces of 1,001 dramas of Hollywood's yesterdays; then suddenly finds with her marriage to Nicky Hayden (Alan Curtis), typical romantic leading man, that he has lost his great love A stirring climax concludes the story.

"SECRET OF DOCTOR KILDARE"

Charity Show At Metro In Aid Of Red Cross

Under the patronage of the Governor and Lady Lumley, a charity show of "The Secret of Dr. Kildare" will be given on March 1st at 10 p.m. in aid of the Indian Red Cross and St. Dunstan. Prices range from Rs. 5 to Re. 1. and tickets may be had in advance at the Metro box-office.

Bette Davis At Excelsior

"Elizabeth And Essex" Technicolour Drama

The predominant impression one carries after seeing "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" is that of pity for the unfortunate persons who sit on the thrones of the world. That a Queen was unable to satisfy natural instincts of love and marriage is one more argument against monarchy.

As for the film which has undoubted production values and some fine photography, not to speak of a brilliant characterization by Bette Davis, I am afraid the scenarists failed to create sympathy for either of the two main characters—Elizabeth and Essex.

For Bette Davis' performance this picture will be seen. All honour for the screen's number one actress for daring to appear ugly to lend authenticity to her characterization. Few stars, in India or in Hollywood, have that much courage and artistic integrity.

Essex, as played by Errol Flynn, emerges as a heartless, swaggering Robin Hood. Only Ronald Colman could have done justice to this role.

K. A. A

LAUREL AND HARDY IN "WAY OUT WEST" AT BROADWAY

Laurel and Hardy, in "Way Out West" now revived at the Broadway, Dadar, appear in their first Western Picture.

When the sad-faced Laurel and the pompous Hardy leave off prospecting in the desert to hitch-hike to town on a stage coach with a valuable deed to a gold mine, they commit a succession of misdeeds that lead to a series of thrilling adventures and hilariously-funny episodes that are carried through eight reels of the picture.

"GOOD-BYE, MR. CHIPS" AT BANDRA

"Goodbye Mr. Chips", James Hilton's charming novel of the life of an English school teacher, comes to Bandra Talkies from February 3, for a four days run, starring Robert Donat and Greek Garson.

"GOLDWYN FOLLIES" REVIVED

At Capitol

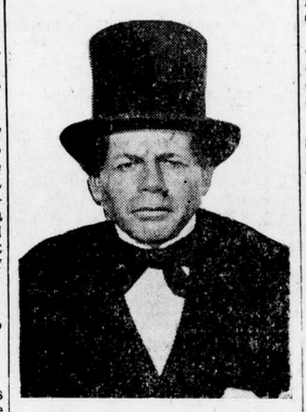
The technicolour show, "The Goldwyn Follies," is revived this week at the Capitol Theatre.

The story, a mad comedy of Hollywood, tells of a movie producer, played by Menjou, who finds he doesn't know what the public wants. So he hires a small town girl, in the person of the lovely Miss Leeds, to keep him posted and places her on his staff as "Miss Humanity." He falls in love with the girl, who in turn falls in love with a young tenor who runs a hamburger stand. The young man, played by the silver-voiced Kenney Baker, gets his big film chance and proves a sensation. Menjou menaces their romance for a while but finally relents and agrees to let young love triumph as it should.

Woven into the story are several beautiful production numbers, including two ballets, which prove a welcome addition to screen entertainment.

The technicolour is quite successful and does credit to Omar Kiam's eye-filling costumes and Richard Day's magnificent sets.

Among the many hit tunes introduced by the film are "Love Walked In," "I Was Doing All Right," "I Love To Rhyme," "Love Is Here To Stay" and "Spring Again."



BENITO JUAREZ
as played by Paul Muni.

HERE IS THAT SPEECH!

Cut Out From The Film, It Can Be Read In Print

The following is a part of the speech which has mysteriously disappeared from "Juarez".

"Your excellencies make use of a jargon which was designed to conceal the principle which motivates your European civilization. A civilization which permits the wanton oppression of the weak by the strong, wherein each great nation in turn inflicts its will upon some weaker nations! .... By what right, senores, do the great powers of Europe invade the lands of simple people, kill all who do not make them welcome, destroy their fields and take the fruit of their toil from those who survive? Is it a crime against God, then, senores, that the skin of some men is of different colour? .... By what right, then, senores, do the great powers destroy them? ....

NAZI PLOT UNEARTHED

American G-Men Round Up Terrorist Gang

NEW YORK, (By Mail).

United States G-men have discovered a secret organisation which planned a revolution by terror, the setting-up of a dictatorship and the eradication of Jews.

Eighteen members of the organisation have been arrested, and rifles, thousands of rounds of ammunition, and incompleted bombs seized.

Mr. E. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announcing the arrests recently, said the men belonged to a "sports club," which he described as "a secret organisation specialising in training men for the projected revolution and stealing arms from the Government defence forces.

"The club planned, among its early acts of terror, beginning some time after January 20, to bring about complete eradication of all Jews, to seize all public utilities, including power, water, railways, and all forms of communication and transportation," Mr. Hoover said.

THE FUEHRER

The principal leaders among the arrested men are John F. Cassidy, leader of the "Christian Front," who was addressed by his followers as "Fuehrer", and William Gerald Bishop, leader of the "Sports Club."

Mr. Hoover said that Cassidy was always met by his followers with a salute similar to that of the Nazis, with an upraised gesture of the arm.

The investigation was still progressing, particularly the search for additional secret arsenals of "Christian Front" armies elsewhere.

The "sports club" surveyed offices of the American League for Democracy in New York and laid plans for bombing it said Mr. Hoover, and added:

BOMB PLOT

"They also plotted to bomb the police department and discussed 'knocking off' twelve Congressmen, who they said 'should be taught a lesson for voting for repeal of the Embargo Act'."

The conspiracy also included the bombing of a Jewish daily newspaper, and seizure of the Customs House, the main Post Office, the New York Federal and Reserve Banks throughout the United States, and the National Guard armouries.

The Government they proposed to set up they referred to as a "dictatorship similar to Hitler's."

At least one member was connected with the German-American Bund, and many were connected with the United States reserves.

The "Christian Front" had thousands of members, but Mr. Hoover would not estimate the number, nor give the number of those engaged in the conspiracy, pending completion of a nation-wide investigation.

Lady Linlithgow Opens Bikaner T. B. Hospital

BIKANER, Feb. 2.

Her Excellency Lady Linlithgow arrived in Bikaner and opened the Ganga Golden Jubilee Tuberculosis Hospital in the presence of a distinguished gathering.

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"WUTHERING HEIGHTS" CHOSEN BY N. Y. Critics As Best Of Year

Samuel Goldwyn's Production of "Wuthering Heights", co-starring Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon, has been selected by the New York film critics as the best picture of 1939.

The prize for the year's most distinguished job of directing went to John Ford for the Walter Wanger production of "Stagecoach".

Shirolkar High School Gathering

The annual social and prize distribution of the Shirolkar High School and the Potdar Primary School of Chikitsa Samooha, was held at the Wagle Memorial hall on Friday evening.

Mr. V. D. Ghate, Educational Inspector, Bombay Division presided and Mrs. Vatsala Ghate gave away the prizes.

Mr. Ghate congratulated the Chikitsa Samooha on the Progress of its educational activities and hoped that the Samooha would continue to make steady progress.

NAGPUR.—An earnest beginning has been made in the direction of tackling the beggar problem by the appointment of a committee for the purpose after detailed discussions held under the presidency of Mr. D. K Mehta, ex-Minister.

EDW. G. ROBINSON
in "Blackmail" at the Metro.

"BLACKMAIL" AT METRO!

Edw. G. Robinson In Grim Drama

The same old story of an innocent man being sent to jail comes to Metro this week in "Blackmail." The sterling performance of Edward G. Robinson lends it some distinction.

It is not entirely a prison picture.

Robinson is seen as an oil well shooter who is recognized by a former shipmate, Gene Lockhart, who turns in a good performance as the betrayer Once Robinson has shaken off the pursuit of prison authorities, he goes about the grim and, in a final dramatic climax, terrifying business of meeting out a fiery vengeance upon his betrayer.

Ruth Hussey, who recently played the lead in "Within the Law," and who was the feminine heavy in "Maisie," plays the feminine lead Bobs Watson, the eight-year-old star of "On Borrowed Time" gives another vivid performance as Robinson's son.

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EXCESS PROFITS TAX

Bill Violates Fundamental Principle Of Taxation

Bombay Shareholders Urge Government To Withhold Introduction Until Publication Of Budget

BOMBAY, Feb. 2.

The Committee of the Bombay Shareholders' Association has sent the following telegram to the Government of India in regard to the Excess Profits Tax Bill:

"Committee, Bombay Shareholders' Association strongly oppose Excess Profits Tax Bill as being premature. No evidence yet of accumulation of abnormal war profits. Bill violates fundamental principle of taxation in that facts pertaining budgetary position not available. Earnestly urge Government withhold introduction until publication Budget. Average return to investor during last ten years generally has been too low causing considerable depreciation and in numerous cases complete loss of capital.

"Committee feel that imposition of this heavy tax at this juncture when conditions have just begun to look up will deal a cruel blow to investor. No justification for taxing profits from April 1, 1939. Years chosen for calculation standard profits are very lean. Committee urge inclusion income tax assessment year 1939-40. Fifty percent tax highly oppressive and calculated to take away unjustifiably large portion of profits and stifle growth existing industries and handicap establishment new industries.

"Earnestly urge substantial reduction in tax. Committee regret omission of provision enabling charging of excess profits tax or super tax whichever higher as in previous Act of 1919. Life of the Bill should be limited to one year and subject to review thereafter." —United Press.

THEORY v. PRACTICE

Maharatha Chamber Official On Excess Profits Tax Bill

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Feb. 2.

"While in theory nobody can object to the State sharing the abnormal profits resulting from the wartime demand for a variety of goods, and while the State can legitimately expect the business community to make its contribution to the public exchequer for meeting the extra expenditure on defence and other allied services, the proposal of the Government of India to levy Excess Profits Tax is hardly opportune," says Mr. A. R. Bhat, M. Com., Joint Secretary of the Maharatha Chamber of Commerce and Industries, in a statement to the press.

"Indian industries and commerce", continues Mr. Bhat, "have suffered very heavily during the last nine years except for a few short periods here and there, and the war is just creating hopes of an economic revival. The Government should note that industrial development would be hampered if the resources of industries are crippled at the present stage by the levy of the 50 per cent. Excess Profits Tax. They would therefore be well advised not to rush through the Bill hastily, but to wait till more favourable times, when the industries benefitting by the war will have well established themselves, and would therefore be in a position to shoulder any new burden of new taxation with comparative ease. If, however, Central Assembly accepts the principle of the Bill and refers it to a Select Committee, I hope the Committee will reduce the level of the proposed tax substantially and thereby make its burden on the commerce and industry somewhat bearable".

INSURANCE COMPANIES' PLEA FOR EXEMPTION

The Chairman of the Indian Insurance Companies' Association Bombay has sent the following Telegram to the Government of India, Finance Department, regarding the Excess Profits Tax Bill.

"Committee of Indian Insurance Companies' Association greatly perturbed at the proposed Excess Profit Tax Bill in so far as it affect Insurance business. Partial right of Insurance Companies recognised under the recent amended Incometax Act taken away by Rule Three Sub-Rule Two of Schedule One to the Bill. Object of the Bill tax persons and companies engaged in business who are expected to make 'abnormally' large profits as result of war beg to point out that no insurance Company expects to make abnormally large profits due to war conditions."

"If Insurance Companies make larger profits than in previous years it is entirely due to normal progressive development of business. On the contrary most of the Insurance Companies likely to suffer by reason of depreciation in value of Government Securities which they are compelled to hold under Section 27 of Insurance Act earnestly request Government to exempt insurance companies from the application of the Excess Profit Tax Act."

"My Committee further urge the postponement of the introduction and the reference of the bill to the Select Committee till the Annual budget so as to afford time to the commercial community to study the Bill and to understand its implications thoroughly.

East India Cotton Association Condemns Excess Profits Bill

The following telegram is sent to the Finance Department, Government of India, New Delhi, by Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas Kt. President of the Association:—

"Board of East India Cotton Association consider Excess Profits Tax Bill completely unjustified and oppressive under present conditions. They have resolved as a protest against this to close Ready and Forward Markets on Tuesday 6th. Written representation being posted."

PRICE CONTROL IN INDIA

(Continued from page 6.)

what one fails to understand is why any successful prosecution of the War should be at loggerheads with the legitimate profit earnings of Indian cultivators. There is no justification whatsoever on the part of the Government to ask or expect at any time of the Indian cultivator to meekly accept the prices determined by the Controlling Authothority. There should be no confusion of issues as is unfortunately manifested in that paragraph of the Memorandum of the Economic Adviser. Let this be understood. The Indian economists and politicians only demand that Indian cultivators should receive from the controlling Authority of all times the prices which will not be unduly low in the light of the prevailing conditions of demand and supply.

The fourth conclusion which the Economic Adviser draws is that even though prices in general may be allowed to rise, once the condition of full employment resources is reached, further increase in prices would amount to inflation resulting in a vicious spiral of ascending costs and prices which is bound to be resented by all consumers. While all this is strictly true, these considerations are applicable largely to countries which are almost if not fully industrialised and only very relatively to a country like India which is mainly agricultural.

Grain, Yarn And Silk Merchants Protest Against New Impost

The Grain Merchants' Association and the Bombay Yarn and Silk Merchants' Association of Bombay have also sent telegrams to the Government of India protesting against introduction of the Excess Profits Tax Bill:

The proposed levy, they say, will act as a severe handicap to legitimate Progress and expansion of existing indigenous Industries and a great impediment to new enterprises.

CHECK TO INDUSTRY AND TRADE

Manu Subedar On Excess Profits Tax

Mr. Manu Subedar, M. L. A. (Central) interviewed on the Excess Profits Tax Bill said:—

Too early in the war Government seek to increase the burden of direct taxation on the people of India on a scale which is not justified. The substitution of the slab system with a nigher tax rate for each additional bloc of income in any case involves the taxation of nigher profits even under the Income-tax law. Why this extraordinary levy then introducing a different and to some extent a contrary system to the slab system? Before a rupee has reached Government, the debacle in the stock and commodity markets has already inflicted a loss of value of many crores of rupees. There will be a serious check to plans and programmes for the expansion of trade and industry. It is wrong to represent the war as a boon or as a source of all profits, because the dislocation caused by the war has adversely affected a good many existing trades and industries and almost all new concerns.

OBJECTIONABLE PROCEDURE

It is a pity that Government have chosen even before a deficit has arisen the alternative of paying for the war from tax revenue, interfering with business, instead of raking up merely in loans the surplus savings of the community. Has it been done with the intention of driving people into the purchase of Government Loans because the profits, which arose from the risks of trade, must be shared while the risks, which may bring losses, must be borne by the business community themselves? In one or two industries like jute there has been an advent of new money, but in all others the profits would be largely due to the rise of stock values. What would be the position when these stock values shrink in due course? The procedure adopted is not only complicated but seriously objectionable in several directions and wide powers are taken for making rules and in other respects which may be used harshly, rendering the taxpayer altogether helpless. Such measures may bring money but are not calculated to assuage public feeling none too happy with regard to the manner in which India was dragged in the war.

Rajah's Telegram To State Secretary

MADRAS, Feb. 2.

Rao Bahadur M. C. Rajah, M. L. A., president of the All-India Depressed Classes' Association has sent the following telegram to the Secretary of State for India:

"Government should not agree to placing Depressed Classes at the mercy of the Congress. The British Government should insist upon bringing into operation safeguards provided in the Government of India Act and implementing assurances given by Britain to Depressed Classes; and no decision should be taken without taking the views of the Depressed Classes and other weak and minority communities."

Rao Bahadur M. C. Rajah has sent another telegram on the same lines to His Excellency the Viceroy.—United Press.

Limbdi Cotton Boycott Proves Effective

The Secretary, Limbdi Cotton Boycott Committee, writes:—

Failing in all attempts to dispose off their boycotted cotton, Limbdi State lately resorted, it is learnt, to a novel method of getting those bales re-pressed at Jotana in Gujarat, but this also failed At Jotana 65 bales had arrived to be re-pressed and remarked but owing to Praja Mandal's prompt action, the whole village was bestirred and the press managers were threatened with boycott. Porters refused to carry bales from the Station.

"Lawless Limbdi" (a study of limbdi affairs) has been banned in the States of Jamnagar, Porbunder, Dhrangadhra and Wadhwan. The Agent, Western India States Agency, has banned its entry in some railway areas also.

"Hind Praja"

The Idd Number of the "Hind Praja" edited by "Sadik" opens with an article on "The Message of Sacrifice." "Suleman and Roselana" is the caption of the next article which deals with the romantic career of a feudatory Amir of the late Sultan of Turkey, translated specially by Sjt. Batook Desai. Mr. Nizamuddin A. Kureishi cites a number of remarkable incidents in the career of some Muslim rulers of India in pre-British days. Sjt. Sadik contributes an equally interesting article on "Wardha's Magician." Mr. M. V. Parekh's article "Marshal" "Fauzi Chakmak," Commander-in-Chief of Turkish forces, who made a name in the last Great War by distinguishing himself in the severe fighting in the Dardanelles, is of more than ordinary interest. Mr. E. H. Mistry reproduces the achievements of an Egyptian journalist in the Balkan Wars. Mr M. D. Nasser writes on the achievement of Islam in the emancipation and advancement of woman. There are a number of other articles that deserve careful perusal, besides several attractive illustrations. The Number is priced at annas two.

INDIAN ARCHITECTURE

Appeal For Constructive Co-operation

Sjt. Sris Chandra Chatterjee, Architect, now staying in Bombay, has issued the following:

"I have been asked by many if I have designed the Mahajati Sadan (Congress Bhawan) now under construction in Calcutta, I reply in the negative

In October 1936, Rashtrapati Subhas Chandra Bose gave me one set of ferro-prints concerning the same and requested me to design one facade. After scrutiny, I suggested a few minor changes in the general shape of the ground plan. He, however, wanted me to stick to the plans.

One subsequent morning, at the residence and in the presence of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, the then Vice-Chancellor, while discussing the design of Sir Ashutosh Mookerjee Memorial, Sjt. Bose remarked that although he had requested me to design the elevations of the Congress House, I refrained because the planning, which suited his requirements, had not been to my liking. Dr. Mookerji also alleged that I had similarly refused to prepare the elevations for the proposed Physical Laboratory attached to the Science College, on the oasis of the plans the University sent to me, and I had insisted changing the general plan arrangement. In their presence there I agreed, however, to prepare elevations after some modifications in consultation with the respective Engineers. But, the suggested consultations could not be effected.

Unforeseen circumstances sent me thereafter out of Calcutta. Some six or seven months ago, Subhas Babu again mentioned here in Bombay that I had not complied with his request.

With my heart-felt gratitude to Sjt. Bose and Dr. Mookerjee for their spontaneous encouragement and sincere co-operation, I may express that real works of art can only be expected when the architect is not forced to execute ideas repugnant to his mind. Architectural outlook entirely depends upon artistic plan arrangement in which the Proprietor, Engineer and Architect should join hands. The harmonious combination of these factors can give attractive form to what floats in the vision of the creative architect.

I wish thousand engineer-architects pour all over the country to beautify and dignify our Mother India with elegant structures in Indian styles. But Indian Universities and Indian Architectural Constructional Leagues train such architects and Indian Municipalities encourage construction of structures in Indian styles,—simply one or two "Mahajati Sadans" or National Congress pandals or the flimsy "Sivaji Gate" of the Hindu Mahasabha cannot rescue Indian Architecture. We should immediately, therefore, concentrate all our energy and devote all our resources to organise and function such creative centres. I am often asked if the University of Calcutta has opened the Degree Course in Architecture. I invite Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and my esteemed friends and sympathisers Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Azizul Haque and the Hon'ble Mr. Fazlul Huq to enlighten on the point. I understand the Hon'ble Premier approved the Scheme forwarded by the Senate in December, 1938.

The present Principal of the Bengal Engineering College, Dr. A H. Pandya D. Sc. (Engr.) who —apart from the very high distinctions he obtained in the United States and the highest office he held in London—has just secured one International Prize in Civil Engineering valued about half a lakh of rupees,—told me in the office of the National Planning Committee of which he also is a Member, that he wished that his College produced the first Graduate in Indian Architecture and he requested by active co-operation in introducing the Course etc. It is for the Indians and non-Indians alike who love Art and Culture to enable the patriotic zeal of the Great Master Engineer to be transformed into reality."

Hindustani Shikshak Vidyalaya

The Secretary, Hindi Prachar Sabha, Bombay, writes:—

It is proposed to start a three months' Refresher Course for the Hindustani Shikshak Diploma according to the syllabus of the Board of Education in Hindustani, Bombay Government by the first week of February. Those who have passed the "Rashtrabhasha Visharad" examination of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, or the "Rashtrabhasha Kovid" of the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha, or any other equivalent examination recognised by the Board, will be allowed to join the Vidyalaya. Admission will be limited. Those who intend to join the Vidyalaya should send up their application forms before 3rd instant. The Vidyalaya will work from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the premises of the Secondary Teachers' Training College, Dhobi Talao on four days in the week. The fees for the course will be Rs. 18 to be paid in advance.

For detailed particulars see the Secretary, Hindi Prachar Sabha, Adenwala Mansion, Chowpatty Seaface, near Wilson College, on week-days between 5 p.m. and 6-30 p.m.

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Nizam Govt.'s Schemes For Slum Clearance, Water Supply & Drainage

(From Our Correspondent)

HYDERABAD (Dn.), (By Mail).

THREE FACTS STAND OUT VERY CLEARLY IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OF HYDERABAD STATE FOR 1936-37 —THE VAST EXTENSIONS OF THE DISTRICT WATER WORKS AND DRAINAGE, THE HUGE SUMS SPENT IN CLEARING UP THE SLUMS OF HYDERABAD AND THE PLANNED EXPANSION OF MEDICAL AID BOTH IN THE LARGER CITIES AND IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

The year saw due recognition of the Unani and Ayurvedic departments and provision of over Rs. 1,50,000 was made for the reorganisation of these departments for the next three years

WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE

Hyderabad State spent over Rs. 560,000 on district water works and drainage, over Rs. 738,000 were sanctioned for remodelling the Gulbarga Water Works and Drainage Scheme and for water supply of Osmanabad. The Warangal Scheme estimated to cost Rs. 13 lakhs was sanctioned in the previous year and nearly one-third of the work was completed during the year.

Over Rs. 6 lakhs were sanctioned for Hyderabad water works and with these funds a number of improvements in the city's water supply were carried out. Nearly the same amount was spent on extending the drainage system in the capital.

WHAT ABOUT VILLAGES?

The schemes carried out during the year were undoubtedly large and important for the town-dwellers, but the report makes no mention of anything being done in regard to water supply, tanks and wells for the villages.

Nor is it clear whether the State has given recognition to the right of the Depressed Classes over the use of public wells and tanks already existing and how far that right is exercised without interference by the caste Hindus.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

The determination with which the state has undertaken to make the capital as hygienic and up-to-date as possible can be seen from the fact that during the last 25 years nearly two crores of rupees have been spent here on the clearance of slums alone. Out of half a dozen schemes at least one constitutes complete demolition of all houses spread over an area of 60 acres. Most of the others involve partial demolition and remodelling on modern lines. In this manner practically all the slums have by now cleared up and the incomplete schemes are expected to be completed in the course of the next few years

INDUSTRIAL HOUSING

In addition to these schemes what is needed is stringent building bye-laws on the one hand and legal provision making it obligatory for all employers of factory labour to make and supply sanitary housing for certain fixed percentage of their employees. This would become all the more necessary in the near future when fresh impetus is given to industrial development of the state and workshops and factories arise everywhere.

FIRE IN MATUNGA BUILDING

BOMBAY, Friday.

A fire broke out in the Haji Suleman Bhimdiwalla building at G. I. P. Matunga to-day.

It occurred in a sweet-meat shop situated on the ground floor, it appears, as a result of ghee catching fire at about 1-30 p. m.

The fire was brought under control in a few minutes. It is understood that the shop-keeper's damage is estimated at over Rs. 700 but no damage to the building is reported.

One of the assistants in the sweet-meat shop it is understood, was injured and was removed to hospital.

HYDERABAD (Dn.)—The Hyderabad Municipal Corporation will open night schools in all wards of the city for the benefit of those persons who cannot avail themselves of education during the day. The object of the Corporation in opening these schools is to promote the literacy campaign. Although the expenses will be met by the Corporation, these schools will be under the supervision of the Education Department of the Nizam's Government.

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DIPLOMAS IN JOURNALISM

Question To Be Considered By Bombay University Senate

A proposal to grant Diplomas in journalism and Librarianship; a proposal to appoint a committee to make a statistical study of the results of the University examinations held in 1939; a proposal to introduce Hindustani as an additional language to be studied compulsorily at least in the Matriculation; and a proposal for instituting a Department of Military studies in the University.

These are some of the questions that will come up for consideration before the University Senate which meets on Thursday February 15.

Mr. B. N. Datar has given notice of his intention to move a proposal for the institution of Diplomas in journalism and librarianship.

The proposal was considered by the Syndicate at their meeting held in April 1939, when the Syndicate resolved to report that they were not in favour of instituting additional diplomas until the statute relating to the institution of new diplomas already passed by the Senate had received the sanction of His Excellency the Chancellor. A diploma in Teaching has already been instituted, and the question of instituting diplomas in Journalism and Librarianship has been under the consideration of a committee appointed by the Syndicate on 26th August, 1939.

HINDUSTANI

The proposal regarding the introduction of Hindustani is sponsord by Mrs. Lilawati Munshi.

The proposal was considered by the Syndicate at their meeting held on the 30th September 1939, when it was resolved that it be reported to the Senate that the Syndicate were not in favour of it.

Dr. B. G. Vad has given notice of his intention to move that "in continuation of the steps already taken by the Academic Council to give recognition to the Lower and Higher Efficiency Certificates granted by the Military authorities to the U.T.C. students, passing certain examinations recognised as equivalent to academic subjects for the First Year and Intermediate Examinations, the Senate resolve that a Department of Military Studies be instituted in the University at the earliest possible date and the Syndicate and Academic Council be requested to take all the necessary steps to implement the resolution."

Contributions to U. P. Governor's War Purposes Fund, the Turkish Earthquake Relief Fund and the Provincial Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Association Fund total Rs. 1,06,640-4-6, Rs. 9,988-11-0 and Rs. 6,382-8-0 respectively.—United Press.

ABOLITION OF CHILD MARRIAGE

Bill Introduced In Cochin Legislative Council

Child marriage still exists in Cochin. Mothers and widows under the age of 14 are not rare in the State. The physical and moral deterioration due to this evil requires no mention. The Cochin Child Marriage Restraint Bill introduced by Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon in the Cochin Legislative council should help to prevent this social evil to a great extent.

The Act when passed will extend to whole of Cochin State, and will apply to all subjects of H. H. the Maharajah "wherever they may be". The Bill defines "child", in the case of males as those under 18 years of age and females those under 14. Whoever performs, conducts or directs any child marriage shall be punishable with simple imprisonment for one month, or with fine which may extend to Rs. 1,000 or both. A male above 18 years of age contracting a child marriage is also punishable with imprisonment or fine or both. Where a minor has contracted a child marriage, it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that the person having charge of such minor has negligently failed to prevent the marriage from being solemnised.

No court shall take cognizance of any offence under the Act after the expiry of one year from the date on which the offence is alleged to have been committed. When the court takes cognizance of any offence under this Act upon a complaint made to it, it may, for reasons to be recorded in writing at any time after examining the complainant and before issuing process for compelling the attendance of the accused, require the complainant to execute a bond, with or without sureties, for a sum not exceeding Rs. 100 as security for the payment of any compensation which may be directed to pay and if such security is not furnished within such reasonable time as the court may fix, the complaint shall be dismissed.

The Court may, if satisfied from information laid before it through a complaint or otherwise that a child marriage in contravention of this Act has been arranged or is about to be solemnised, issue an injunction against any persons prohibiting such marriage No injunction shall be issued against any person unless the court has previously given notice to such person, and has afforded him an opportunity to show cause against the issue of the injunction.

Whoever knowing that an injunction has been issued against him disobeys such injunction shall be punished with imprisonment to an extent of three months or fine to the extent of Rs. 1000 or with both.

TO KEEP YELLOW FEVER OUT

Control Of Aircraft From African Areas

New rules designed to keep out yellow fever from India have lately been promulgated by the Government of India for the control of aircraft coming to India from areas in Africa infected with yellow fever.

Henceforth no aircraft which is coming from or, on its journey to India, has alighted in Angola, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan south of Khartoum, Belgian Congo, Cameroons, Dahomey, French Equatorial Africa, French Guinea, French West Africa, Cambia, Gold Coast Colony, Ivory Coast, Kenya Colony, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanganyika Territory, Togoland, Uganda and Upper Volta Territory will be allowed to land for the first time in British India at any aerodrome other than the Karachi air Port or the Karachi Marine Air Port.

It will also be an offence for any one to bring into India an aircraft which has on board a case of yellow fever or any person who within nine days of arrival in India has been in an infected area unless he has been protected by satisfactory inoculation or by a previous attack of the disease or has only alighted in an infected area at a non-affected anti-amaryl aerodrome. An aircraft which had on board a case of yellow fever must also have been properly disinsectised and appropriate preventive measures must have been taken with regard to the passengers, crew and cargo on board before it can be allowed into India.

NAZI ATTACK ON TURKEY'S "INSOLENCE"

BERLIN, (By Mail).

The "Volkischer Beobachter," official organ of the Nazi party to-day makes a violent attack on "Tan," the newspaper of the Turkish People's party, which it accuses of ingratitude for the Red Cross 'plane and supplies which Germany sent for the Turkish earthquake victims.

"Tan" is quoted as saying: "We must be grateful for this gesture, even if it is only for propaganda purposes. . . With sorrowful astonishment we think at the same time of the difference between those 'planes with the Red Cross and those with the swastika which bombed Polish towns."

"This," writes the "Volkischer Beobachter," "is indeed the culminating point of the insolence offered to us in past months by 'Tan' and similarly minded papers, and it seems that the time has come for telling these dirty little guttersnipes that we see through their designs and know those behind them better than seems the case in official and unofficial Turkey."

The Nazi paper adds that "Many of these Istanbul scribblers are not Turks but Jews."

A TORY SPEAKS ON BELISHA AFFAIR

When Live-Wires Contact They Are Apt To Spark

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, (By Mail.)

Col. Sir A. Lambert Ward, Conservative M.P. for North-West Hull, who returned to London after visiting his constituents, told them of rumours of quarrels involving Mr. Hore-Belisha.

He said the ex-Secretary for War had quarrelled with Mr. Churchill because he broadcast the news of the landing of the Canadians, whereas he thought that he (Mr. Hore-Belisha) should have announced the news himself.

"There is not the least doubt," added Sir Lambert Ward, "that Mr. Hore-Belisha was one of the live wires in the Government, but he was not the only live wire.

"The trouble is that when live wires are brought into contact they are apt to spark.

"On one occasion during a Cabinet meeting, it is rumoured, so bad was the sparking that it required all the tact of Mr. Chamberlain to damp down the conflagration.

"The only thing under such circumstances is to get rid of the most highly charged wire of them all. I am afraid it was inevitable."

Sir Lambert Ward said to a reporter in London last night:

"Please understand that I claimed to have no inside information. I know nothing more than the roumours that are going about and what is common talk, and it was purely of these that I was talking in dealing with the subject of Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.

"I have no official position, and therefore could not know anything. I only told a small meeting of what was common rumour."

IF BRITAIN IS TO WIN THE WAR

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON Jan. 17.

In an astonishing attack on Mr. Chamberlain and the "Brass Hats," Mr. T. L. Horabin, Liberal M.P. for North Cornwall, speaking at Launceston declared:

"I tremble to think of what would happen if Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Horace Wilson, and the brass hats were to run this war between them. . . Let us face it. If we are to win this war Neville Chamberlain must go."

Saying that it was a delusion to think that time was on Britain's side, Mr. Horabin went on:—

"You are being kept in a fool's paradise. While the Nazis know the truth you are being fed on misleading propaganda.

NAZI 'PLANES

"Evidence is piling up that Germany will have an air force next spring of thirty to forty thousand 'planes ready for action.

"What are we doing to meet this probable attack?"

Mr. Horabin went on to criticise the Government's agricultural policy, and added: "This is the result of Mr. Chamberlain's determination to promote to office incompetent non-entities and yes-men."

The sacking of Mr. Hore-Belisha was apparently at the behest of the brass hats and in consequence of personal intrigues.

"We had some experience of the incompetence of generals at Passchendaele and on the Somme, and we know the terrible price the British people paid in blood for these examples of brass hat ineptitude.

"Mr. Chamberlain has replaced a man of courage, energy and determination, with a fine record of work done, by a man whose record so far, at the very best, does not show that he possesses these qualities.

"Who is this Neville Chamberlain to have a claim on the interminable patience of the country, to cling to office when time after time he bungles the fundamental issues which involve the life or death of our great democracy, the British Empire?"

4,000 WORKERS ON STRIKE

Sequel To Authorities' Refusal To Grant War Allowance

BOMBAY, Friday.

Following the refusal of the authorities to grant increase in wages the operatives of the Tata and Victoria, two Mills, struck work this morning.

Nearly four thousand workers are involved in the strike.

The workers of the two mills had demanded 40 per cent War Allowance owing to the abnormal rise in the prices of foodstuffs. Notices were served on the authorities about a month back and as they failed to respond the operatives struck work.

Yesterday, the Simplex Mills went on strike.

BAN ON "NATIONAL FRONT"

Don't Publish Periodical Or Its Successors

The Government of Bombay, last night, served the following order on Harendrakumar Mazumdar, Editor, Printer and Publisher of the "National Front", Bombay:—

"In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 41 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to order that you, Harendrakumar Mazumdar, the Editor, Printer and Publisher of the periodical entitled "National Front", shall not print or publish in the Province of Bombay the periodical entitled "National Front" or any successor of the said periodical.

Inspector Kothare of the Special Branch, C.I.D. accompanied by two others who served the above order also carried out a search of the offices of the "National Front" in connection with the leaflets on Finland. Nothing, however, was found.

STALIN CHANGES HIS MIND

LONDON, (By Mail.)

The Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" writes:—

When Germany established the "Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia" in March last year the Russian Government refused to recognise that "the annexation of the Czech country to the German Reich and that of Slovakia corresponded with the generally accepted standards of international law of justice or the principle of self-determination."

This refusal was embodied in a Note which M. Litvinoff handed to the German Ambassador in Moscow on March 18. But since the German-Russian alliance was concluded the Russian attitude towards what was once the Czecho-Slovak Republic has changed.

The Russian Government recently asked Mr. Fierlinger, the Czecho-Slovak Minister in Moscow to leave. Soon after Stalin recognised the appointment of Mr. Tiso as Slovak Minister in Moscow, while Mr. Pushkin was delegated to represent the Soviet Union at Bratislava, the Slovak capital. The new status created by the Germans in violation of the Munich Agreement has therefore received 'de jure' recognition from the Soviet Union.

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(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Bombay, Feb. 2.

MONEY.

Short-term money rates continued unchanged throughout the week under review, day-to-day funds being quoted at 1-1/2 per cent. Term money rates were also unchanged at 2-1/2 per cent. for three and six months.

A statement of the Reserve Bank of India, made up to 26th January 1940, records a decline of Rs. 47.71 lacs. in the total note circulation with a corresponding increase of Rs. 47.84 lacs in the Rupee Coin in circulation. In the Banking Department, Government and Bankers' Deposits show increases of Rs. 107.97 lacs and Rs. 321.10 lacs respectively, whilst Other Deposits show a fractional decline of Rs. 2.23 lacs. Balances held abroad are up by Rs. 3.17 crores and the ratio of gold plus sterling assets to total liabilities now stands at 60.497 per cent., representing an increase of 0.115 over last week.

A statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India drawn upto 26th January 1940 records a decline of Rs 85.36 lacs in the Bank's Investment Portfolio. The item of 'Advances' is down by Rs. 54.97 lacs, while Deposits show a small increase of Rs. 7.12 lacs. The Cash holding of the Bank has increased by Rs. 149.51 lacs to Rs. 13.26 crores.

GILT-EDGED

Except for 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper, which declined by nearly two points from Rs. 92 to Rs. 90-2, the rest of the market was quietly steady with little or no change in quotations. It may be noted that after a long lapse, 3-1/2 per cent India Sterling loan is quoted at a premium over 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper, the former closing at 291 and the latter at Rs. 90-6. It is reported that the Reserve Bank of India is freely buying India Sterling loans locally, both irredeemable as well as dated, for delivery in London and that may account for the comparative strength of India Sterling loans. Locally, however, the volume of business transacted during the week was comparatively small, investors preferring to hold aloof at higher levels. 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan was quoted around Rs. 94, 3 per cent. 1941 bonds around Rs. 101-6 and 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan around Rs. 94-11. 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan showed little or no change at Rs. 88-14, 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan ruled quiet at Rs. 100-10, whilst 4 per cent. 1943 bonds closed unchanged at Rs. 104-6. There was fair inquiry in 5 per cent. 1945-55 (Tax Free) loan at around Rs. 110-8, whilst some business was also reported in 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan at Rs. 105-12. 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan was quoting Rs. 110-4 and 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan Rs. 101-12.

EXCHANGE

Rupee/sterling exchange was flat throughout the week, sellers of spot T. T. quoting 1s. 5-63/64d. with buyers at 1s. 6-1/16d. The undertone of the market was steady. Merchant rates were quoted as under:—

LAST RATES

In the free foreign exchange market in New York, sterling improved in terms of gold currencies. The sterling/dollar cross-rate, after opening at 398.62 cents, touched 399.87 cents on Monday, closing lower at 397-12 cents. The discount on three months forward delivery varied between 4 and 3-3/4 cents during the week.

In London, the official buying and selling rates for various currencies were as under:—

The sterling/dollar rate 403-1/2 and 402-1/2 cents; the sterling/franc rate 176-3/4 and 176-1/2 francs; the sterling/guilder rate 7.58 and 7.53; and the sterling/belga rate 23.85 and 23.65. The lira moved up from 78.50 to 78.75 at the finish. Amongst the Far Eastern exchanges, the Shanghai dollar was virtually pegged at 4-1/2d. throughout, but the yen moved down from 1s. 2-7/32d. to 1s. 2-5/32d. at the close.

GOLD

Opening steady at Rs. 42-5-3, spot gold gradually advanced to Rs. 42-5-6 on Tuesday on buying by option dealers against sales of call options to the public. In the absence of any arbitrage buying at this high level, the market reacted to Rs. 42-3-9 on Wednesday, closing better at Rs. 42-5-0. March settlement gold was quoted at a premium of 1.1/2 anna over spot, whilst April settlement commanded a premium of 3 annas over the spot rate. The price of sovereigns was quoted at Rs. 27-0 during the week. In London, the Bank of England's buying price for gold remained unchanged at 168 shillings per fine ounce. Floating stocks of gold in the local market are estimated at about 100,000 tolas, while the average daily offtake for trade purposes is unchanged at 1,500 tolas. Arrivals from up-country were comparatively smaller and averaged 8 to 10,000 tolas a day except towards the close when with the incidence of the monthly settlement, arrivals were higher and were estimated at about 20,000 tolas a day. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 42-5-6 and Rs. 42-3-9 for spot, Rs. 42-7-0 and Rs. 42-5-3 for March settlement and Rs. 42-8 and Rs. 42-6-9 for April settlement.

SILVER

Opening steady at Rs. 56-13 spot silver was inclined to be quieter until mid-week when the price touched Rs. 55-3-6, but thereafter on official support, the market advanced to Rs. 57-12, closing at Rs. 56-10. At the lower level, fair quantities of the metal were absorbed by the official source. The premium on March settlement silver, which was quoted at 2 annas at the opening, advanced to 6 annas on Tuesday, which was the last day for February settlement business. Thereafter, persistent fears about an increase in the import duty resulted in March being quoted at a discount 4 annas under spot, at the end of the week. April settlement stood at a premium of 7 annas over March. In London, spot silver opened firm at 21-15/16d. but subsequently turned quieter and declined to 21-1/16d. on Tuesday and finally closed firmer at 21-3/4d. Two months' forward delivery was quoted at a discount of 1/16d. earlier in the week, but the differential later widened to 1/8d. At the end, however, both spot and forward deliveries were quoted at level rates. Stocks of silver locally are estimated at about 55,000 bars, after allowing for an average offtake of 300 bars a day and absorption by the official source. Imports during the week amounted to Rs. 42,547 in silver coins, whilst 1,473 bars of silver bullion were also imported. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 57-13 and Rs. 55-3-6 for spot, Rs. 57-12 and Rs. 55-9-6 for March settlement and Rs. 58-3 and Rs. 57-5 for April settlement.

SHARES

On the stock exchange, an unsettling factor was the impending Excess Profits Tax of the Central Government. The news of the levy of this tax brought out many nervous sellers and in consequence, a riot of losses followed. Prices were hammered down but the market subsequently staged a rally, on bear covers, although, on balance, most prices finished much below their pre-decline levels. In the closing stages, the market presented a relatively dull appearance with restricted trading.

The steel section led the fall; Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds were hammered down from Rs. 2,050 to as low as Rs. 1,845, but gradually improved and closed at Rs. 1,976-4, whilst Ordinaries, after losing well nigh 34 points to Rs. 348, reacted and closed steadier at Rs. 370. Textiles followed closely the fortunes of the Steel group; Bombay Dyeings dropped precipitately from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 880, Centuries from Rs. 332 to Rs. 288 and Central Indias from Rs. 331 to Rs. 272, but later made headway to Rs. 930. Rs. 310 and Rs. 302 respectively. Kohinoors and New Greats were offered at Rs. 310 and Rs. 300 mid-week, but later picked up strength to Rs. 350 and Rs. 345 respectively. Colaba Lands, after losing over 45 points to Rs. 120, made considerable leeway at Rs. 156 at the finish. Hydro-electrics were practically unaffected by the slump in other sections and maintained a steady tone throughout; Andhra Valleys kept in the vicinity of Rs. 1,470, whilst Powers showed small variations around Rs. 1,325. Bombay Trams ruled fairly steady at Rs. 129-8, whilst Tata Hydros were firmly held around Rs. 155. Bank and Railway shares were able to hold their own with quotations showing a generally rising trend. Bank of Indias were quoted at Rs. 138-8, whilst Reserve Banks improved from Rs. 103 to Rs. 104-4 at the end. Imperial Bank Fully Paids closed steady at Rs. 1,477-8, whilst Partly Paids were quoting Rs. 361-14. In the miscellaneous bloc, Associated Cements moved within a narrow compass and were done at rates varying between Rs. 121-12 and Rs. 118-8, whilst Belapurs, after a sharp drop of about 20 points to Rs. 213 earlier in the week, gradually improved and closed at Rs. 223-8. Bombay Burmas weakened to Rs. 525 at the beginning of the week, but steadily gained ground to Rs. 602-8 at the close. New Indias were somewhat easier at Rs. 36 at the finish as against the opening level of Rs. 37-12.

CALCUTTA

The price of hessians declined gradually from Rs. 16-6 to Rs. 15-8, whilst that of raw jute showed small variations between Rs. 86 and Rs. 83-8. Jute shares were neglected earlier in the week, but at the fag end, displayed a steadier tone. The turnover, however, continued restricted.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Feb 2

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

3 1/2 per cent Paper 90/6; 4 per cent 1960/70 105/14; 5 per cent 1945/55 110/9

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 100; Bank of Hindusthan 22/12; Bank of India 138/8; Central Bank 33/14; Imperial Bank P P 1499; Imperial Bank P P 361/14; Indian Overseas Bank 46/8; Reserve Bank 104/4; Union Bank 8/11/6

TEXTILES

Ahmd New Textiles 475; Ambica 261/4; Arun 217/8; Arvind 1325; Asok 222/8; Bharatkhand Textiles 2300; Bombay Dyeing 932/8; Buckingham and Carnatics 199; Calico 729/8; Central India 301/14; Century 310; Colaba 155; Elgin 155/10; Gokak 180; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 55; Jubilee 262/8; Khatau Makanji 141/4; Kohinoor 860; Laxmi Cotton 535; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 102/8; Morarji 177/8; Mysore 102/8; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 345; Raipur 695; Rajnagar 160; Sajjan 99/8; Saasoon and Alliance 88/4; Sholapur 4375; Simplex 105/10; Swadeshi 272/8; Vishnu 1395

HYDRO ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley Ord 1470; Tata Hydro Ord 155; Tata Power Ord 1325

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad Electrics 145/10; Ajmer Electrics 10/10; Amalgamated 10/12; Bombay Suburban 165; Bombay Tram 129/6; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 170

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 476/4; Associated Cements 120/4; Belapur 223/2; Bombay Burma New 191/4; Bombay Burma Old 602/8; Bombay Steam 287/8; Bombay Telephone 82; Br B Petrol 4/13/6; Burma Corporation 6/10; Dalmia Cement 9/12; Indian Bleaching 113/12; Industrial Investment Tr 46; Indian Radio Ord 485; Indian Radio Defd 475; Indian Copper 2/6; Indian Iron 35/8; Mysore Sugar 43/12; Port Canning 73; Premier Construction 75; Rohtas Industries 21; Scindia Steam 21/10; Shivrajpur 44/8; Steel Corp. of Bengal 19/8; Tata Oil 49; Tata Steel Ordy 370/8; Tata Steel Defd 1975.

JUTES

Birla Jute 21/12; Howrah 54/2; Hukumchand 7/8; Kamarhatty 513; Kanknarrah 412; Lawrence 420; Reliance 88/8

PRESENT POSITION OF DYESTUFFS

Prices Drop After Spectacular Rise

Bombay: Feb. 2.

Messrs. Shivjee Liladhar have issued the following report :—

When the last War (1914) broke out, the prices of dyestuffs began to rise day by day. Within a year of the war, the supply in dyestuffs became curtailed to a menacing degree, and the rise in prices also began to assume menacing proportions. During the last Wa Germany was the sole supplier of dyestuffs and those engaged in the industry were also seriously affected. Ultimately prices reached the unimaginably high rate of 50 times the pre-war level.

The present war also had occasioned a general rise in the price of dyestuffs; they rose by 200 per cent in the first month of the war; 400 per cent by the second month and 550 per cent by the third month. This inordinate rise attracted every speculator in the country to the dyestuff business; persons who do not know even the A, B, and C of the trade thronged in and assuming the role of brokers, began to induce innocent purchasers to buy in large quantities; these purchasers when they gave high prices thought that the upward movement in prices would continue; and everybody began to stock goods, and few were prepared to sell. Those who purchased at high prices, encouraged by the experience of the last war, have found that the rise has stopped and are now finding themselves in extreme difficulties, because few people are now coming forward as buyers of these commodities. For example, the price of Congo Red, which sold at 8 annas and 10 annas per lb. before the war, rose to Rs. 10 about a month ago and now has abruptly fallen to Rs. 3 and is showing signs of even a further fall. The present plight of those who had purchased at Rs. 10 can very well be imagined.

In the last war prices that once rose never fell. But now they have begun to fall because whereas in 1914-18 Germany held a virtual monopoly of supply to India, in the present situation other countries like America, Switzerland and Japan have entered the field as substantial competitors. As such it is idle to expect that the prices of dyestuffs will again rise during this war.

GROUNDNUT AND SEEDS

Bombay, Feb 2

Castorseeds	May :—			
Opening	.....	Rs.	52	8 0
Highest	.....		53	0 0
Lowest	.....		52	4 0
Closing	.....		53	0 0
Groundnuts	February :—			
Opening	.....		36	11 0
Highest	.....		37	8 0
Lowest	.....		36	11 0
Closing	.....		37	7 0
Groundnuts	May :—			
Opening	.....		40	1 0
Highest	.....		40	14 0
Lowest	.....		40	0 6
Closing	.....		40	12 0
Cottonseeds	May :—			
Opening	.....		26	9 0
Highest	.....		26	14 0
Lowest	.....		26	7 0
Closing	.....		26	14 0

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay, Feb 2

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs.	88	0 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per candy		90	0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy		95	8 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15th per candy		99	8 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per candy		11	8 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt		16	8 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt		18	8 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt		17	4 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt		19	4 0

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURNS

London, Feb 1

	This week
Total bullion	£ 1,000,000
Public deposits	39,700,000
(a) Other deposits	142,500,000
Government securities	119,400,000
(b) Other securities	27,600,000
Notes and coin	53,300,000
Notes in circulation	527,700,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	29.22 p.c.
(a) Other deposits include banks	98,100,000
(b) Other securities include discount	3,100,000
Total Deposits	182,200,000
Total securities	147,000,000

PRECIOUS METALS

Bombay, Feb 2

The following are the weekly quotations for the Precious Metals.

Platinum 100 per cent Rs. 70 per tola Elephant Brand

Platinum 97 per cent Rs. 69 per tola Elephant Brand.

Platinum 25 per cent Rs. 20 per tola Anchor Brand

Palladium 100 per cent Rs. 55 per tola

Iridium 100 per cent Rs. 110 per tola

Osmium 100 per cent Rs. 90 per tola

Ruthenium 100 per cent Rs. 80 per tola

Rhodium 100 per cent Rs. 220 per tola

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Feb 2

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	153	46,969	30,582
Central India	761	55,468	150,734
Barsi and Nagar	1,713	92,570	42,753
Hyderabad Gaorani	551	38,427	3,936
Berar	3,461	211,352	92,745
Central Provinces	993	51,281	23,575
Total Oomras	7,633	496,067	344,325
Dholera	149	28,155	90,486
N W Provinces	184	21,499	1,794
Rajputana	132	22,706	32,673
Sind Punjab	2,178	265,598	216,936
Broach	2,900	20,227	18,173
Coompta and Dharwar		14,530	13,947
Westerns Northerns	102	15,776	17,459
Cocoanada		50	6
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		1,309	2,540
American		2,229	1,693
Egyptian, African and Sudan	4,829	187,398	148,421
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,906	7
Total	18,106	1,077,450	888,460
Arrived by road to 25th January 1940		100,000	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

1st Sept to 25th Jan.

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Total	3,625	436,329	569,395

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 1-2-40	5755000	3255000
Receipts yesterday 1-2-40	10000	3000
Exports to date 1-2-40	4158000	2338000
Stock at Ports 26-1-40	3185000	2823000
Stock at Interior Towns 26-1-40	3067000	3288000
Stock at Liverpool 26-1-40	.....	1045000
Visible Supply 26-1-40	.....	7320000
Quantity in Sight 26-1-40	10457000	7536000
Quantity out of sight 26-1-40	.....	5851000

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REPEATED DEFIANCES OF AUTHORITY

Rajen Babu's Reply To Sarat Bose: Insult To A. I. C. C. Members

PATNA, February 2.

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100 Primary Schools To Close

East Khandesh Dist. Board's Decision: Sequel To Govt. Refusal To Give Necessary

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

General knowledge question: Who or what is Baqlava? Is it (a) an Indian Sweetmeat (b) a Russian cap or (c) the winner of the Eclipse Stakes. For an answer you will have to wait till to-morrow.

Mahatmaji will visit Malikanda, Dt. Dacca, to attend Gandhi Seva Sangh Conference which is to take place on the 20th instant.

Syt. Hazari Lal Maheshwari, a Charkha Sangha employee, Jaipur has been dismissed from his services, as he gave out false information regarding the raid and search of his house by the police on the night of January 27.

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